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KNTV/NBC BAY AREA is responsive to the principal issues arising in its community through regularly scheduled public affaires programming, newscasts, public service announcements as well as documentaries and specials. The following is a list of some of the programs that have provided the station's most significant treatment of community issues during the preceding three-month period.

BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/1/09 REPORTED...

DOWNTOWN SAN FRANCISCO TAMER TONIGHT AFTER MORE THAN A THOUSAND LABOR PROTESTORS SHUT IT DOWN LAST NIGHT.HOTEL WORKERS AND THIER SUPPORTERS RALLIED ON MARKET STREET THEN MARCHED TO THE HILTON TO PROTEST ONGOING CONTRACT NEGOTIATIONS.MORE THAN 100-PEOPLE WERE CITED AND RELEASED INCLUDING FORMER SAN FRANCISCO SUPERVISOR AARON PESKIN. HOTEL MANAGEMENT SAYS HOTELS ARE STRUGGLING IN THE RECESSION AND THEY ARE ONLY ASKING WORKERS TO PAY MORE FOR HEALTH CARE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 7/1/09 REPORTED SHANNON HARRIS HAS BEEN IN AND OUT OF WORK FOR THREE YEARS AND KNOWS THE FRUSTRATION THAT COMES WITH THAT.It's been very very difficult. They say go on Monster, go on Craigslist, but you can submit 200 to 2000 resumes and you never get any response back at all. TWO MONTHS AGO THOUGH SHE LANDED A JOB WITH MANPOWER... A JOB PLACEMENT CENTER. NOW SHE'S ON THE OTHER END... HELPING THOSE OUT OF WORK... LOOK FOR A JOB. HARRIS IS HOPEFUL CALIFORNIA GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER WILL COME THROUGH ON HIS PROMISE TODAY TO CREATE MORE JOBS IN A STATE NOW FACING AN UNEMPLOYMENT RATE OF MORE THAN 12 PERCENT. IN HIS STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS- THE GOVERNOR OUTLINED A 500 MILLION DOLLAR PLAN TO TRAIN 140 THOUSAND WORKERS AND CREATE 100 THOUSAND JOBS. HE ALSO OFFERED SOME HOPE.. SAYING WHILE WE STILL HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO.. THE WORST IS OVER FOR CALIFORNIA'S ECONOMY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/10 REPORTED THERE'S A NEW WARNING ABOUT ONLINE JOB SCAMS THE FOUNDER OF "PHISH BUCKET-DOT- ORG" - AN ONLINE CRUSADER AGAINST THE SCHEMES - SAYS THE NUMBER OF VICTIMS FROM JOB SCAMS HAS SKY ROCKETED WITH RISING UNEMPLOYMENT.AND LOOK OUT FOR WORK- ATHOME SCHEMES.FAKE COMPANIES CAN OFTEN BE RECOGNIZED BECAUSE OF POOR GRAMMAR - OR PAY THAT SEEMS OUT OF LINE FOR EASY TASKS.ONE WORK AT HOME SCAM - "GOOGLE MONEY TREE" - UNRELATED TO THE INTERNET SEARCH COMPANY - TRICKED PEOPLE INTO PAYING FOR A STARTUP KIT - AND LATER BEGAN DRAINING 72- DOLLARS A MONTH FROM THEIR BANK ACCOUNTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/26/10 REPORTED WITH BARELY NINE MONTHS UNTIL THE MID-TERM ELECTIONS, THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT ARE IN CAMPAIGN MODE, MILLIONS OF THOSE AMERICANS ARE OUT OF WORK WITH POOR PROSPECTS AND SAGGING CONFIDENCE THEIR PRESIDENT.IN THE MEANTIME, THE PRESIDENT PROPOSED SOME HELP... DOUBLING THE CHILD CARE TAX CREDIT FOR MANY FAMILIES --- AND CAPPING SOME STUDENT LOAN PAYMENTS.THE MESSAGE, LETS BAIL OUT FAMILIES, NOT BANKS.SOME DEMOCRATS SAY THE PRESIDENT SHOULD TAKE ANOTHER STEP, AND DROP HIS SUPPORT FOR RECONFIRMATION OF FED CHAIRMAN BEN BERNANKE. AND TODAY ANOTHER SIGNAL OF CHANGING POLITICAL FORTUNES AFTER A REPUBLICAN WON TED KENNEDY'S SENATE SEAT IN MASSACHUSETTS, DEMOCRAT BEAU BIDEN ANNOUNCED HE WON'T RUN FOR HIS FATHER'S DELAWARE SENATE SEAT -- BECAUSE IT COULD GO REPUBLICAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/26/10 REPORTED MARIJUANA IS BIG BUSINESS, NOT JUST IN THE BAY AREA BUT ACROSS THE COUNTRY. A RECENT REPORT SHOWS THAT THE ANNUAL MARKET VALUE OF POT IS MORE THAN 35 BILLION DOLLARS. THAT'S FAR MORE THAN THE VALUE OF THE TOP THREE LEGAL CASH CROPS --- CORN, SOYBEANS AND HAY. CALIFORNIA'S MARKET VALUE OF MARIJUANA IS ESTIMATED AT NEARLY 14 BILLION DOLLARS A YEAR. THE POT PRODUCED IN CALIFORNIA MAKES UP A THIRD OF THE NATION'S CANNABIS HARVEST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/10 REPORTED TOYOTA IS FACING AN UPHILL BATTLE FIXING FAULTY GAS PEDALS IN MILLIONS OF VEHICLES ... ALL WHILE TRYING TO KEEP COMPETITORS FROM MOVING IN, ON ITS CUSTOMERS. AND TOYOTA'S TROUBLES ARE GETTING WORSE TONIGHT:MORE THAN A MILLION CARS MANUFACTURED IN EUROPE AND CHINA HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE RECALL LIST.MEANTIME, COMPETITORS SEE TOYOTA'S STRUGGLES AS AN

OPPORTUNITY TO SEIZE MARKET SHARE.G-M IS OFFERING INCENTIVES AND FREE-INTEREST FOR CUSTOMERS TRADING IN THEIR RECALLED VEHICLES.BUT INDUSTRY ANALYSTS SAY G-M IS TAKING A RISK. TOYOTA SAYS IT HOPES TO HAVE A FIX WITHIN A MATTER OF WEEKS.THE PARTS COMPANY THAT MAKES THE GAS PEDAL SYSTEM, IS WORKING ROUND THE CLOCK TO COME UP WITH A SOLUTION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/10 REPORTED GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER CAME TO THE SOUTH BAY TO TALK ABOUT JOBS...JUST AS HE LEARNED HOW MUCH THE WHITE HOUSE WAS GOING TO HELP WITH HIGH SPEED RAIL...AT TODAY'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE *POWER REPORT LUNCH*, HIS MESSAGE WAS JOBS THAT WILL COME FROM FIXING CALIFORNIA'S AGING BUILDINGS AND HIGHWAYS... WHICH TIES RIGHT INTO HIGH SPEED RAIL. THE GOVERNOR ALSO DISCUSSED HIS CALIFORNIA JOBS INITIATIVE, A LEGISLATIVE PACKAGE TO CREATE OR RETAIN AT LEAST 100-THOUSAND JOBS.HE SAID AT SOME POINT, THERE WILL BE ANOTHER ECONOMIC DECLINE.. AND HE WANTS THE STATE TO ENACT BUDGET AND TAX REFORMS, TO AVOID A REPEAT OF THE CURRENT FISCAL CRISIS.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED PEOPLE WHO REDEEM CANS AND BOTTLES FOR A LITTLE EXTRA CHANGE OR SIMPLY TO HELP SAVE THE PLANET, ARE FINDING FEWER RECYCLING CENTERS OPEN FOR BUSINESS. CONTRA COSTA COUNTY HAS LOST NINE RECYCLING CENTERS IN THE PAST SIX MONTHS.ALAMEDA COUNTY HAS LOST SIX....OTHERS HAVE REDUCED THEIR DAYS AND HOURS.THE STATE'S MAJOR RECYCLING CENTER OPERATORS BLAME THE CLOSURES AND CUTS ON THE STATE'S BUDGET CRISIS.CURBSIDE RECYLCING IS STILL AVAILABLE THROUGHOUT THE BAY AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/6/10 REPORTED WE'RE SEEING SOME EARLY DECEMBER SALES FIGURES TONIGHT ... AND THE NUMBERS ARE ENCOURAGING. ANALYSTS HAD PROJECTED A ONE TO TWO-PERCENT INCREASE OVER SALES IN DECEMBER OF 2008. THAT WOULD SIGNAL A SMALL BOOST IN CONSUMER CONFIDENCE, AND PERHAPS INDICATE WE'RE COMING OUT OF THE RECESSION.DEPARTMENT STORES, DISCOUNT AND WAREHOUSE CHAINS WILL RELEASE FIGURES THIS WEEK. ELECTRONICS AND JEWELRY SALES ARE EXPECTED TO SHOW AN INCREASE..BUT CLOTHING SALES WILL LIKELY BE DOWN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/10 REPORTED WHERE'S THE BEEF? HOPEFULLY NOT IN YOUR FREEZER.A SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA COMPANY IS RECALLING 390 TONS OF BEEF PRODUCTS THAT

MAY BE CONTAMINATED WITH E-COLI. HUNTINGTON MEAT PACKING OF MONTEBELLO, NEAR LOS ANGELES, IS THE COMPANY BEHIND THE RECALL. THE PROBLEM WAS DISCOVERED DURING AN AGRICULTURE DEPARTMENT INSPECTION. THE PRODUCTS WERE SHIPPED TO HOTELS, RESTAURANTS AND BEEF DISTRIBUTION CENTERS THROUGHOUT CALIFORNIA. HERE ARE THE PRODUCTS AFFECTED. ALL WERE PRODUCED AT THE PLANT THIS MONTH, BETWEEN JANUARY 5TH AND 15TH.EACH BOX BEARS THE ESTABLISHMENT NUMBER, E-S-T 1-7-9-6-7, INSIDE THE U-S-D-A INSPECTION MARK ON THE LABEL. E-COLI IS A POTENTIALLY DEADLY BACTERIA THAT CAN CAUSE KIDNEY FAILURE IN THE MOST SERIOUS CASES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/25/10 REPORTED ANOTHER CHANGE IS COMING TO SAN FRANCISCO'S MARKET STREET.STARTING TOMORROW, A FORCED RIGHT TURN IS MOVING FROM EIGHTH STREET TO 10-TH STREET. OVERALL-- THE FORCED TURN ON MARKET STREET, WHICH TOOK EFFECT IN SEPTEMBER, HAS BEEN CONSIDERED A SUCCESS BUT CITY TRANSPORTATION LEADERS DECIDED TO MAKE THE CHANGE BECAUSE TOO MANY BICYCLISTS GOT TRAPPED IN BETWEEN DRIVERS TURNING RIGHT, AND A MUNI STATION ON THE LEFT.A MESSAGE BOARD ALERTING DRIVERS OF THE NEW CHANGE IS NOW IN PLACE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/25/10 REPORTED GET READY TO PAY UP.. AGAIN! HIGHER TOLLS ON SEVEN BAY AREA BRIDGES...COULD GET THE FINAL GREEN LIGHT THIS WEEK. A VOTE BY THE BAY AREA TOLL AUTHORITY IS SET FOR WEDNESDAY. IF THE PLAN IS APPROVED, TOLLS WOULD JUMP TO FIVE DOLLARS ON THE RICHMOND - SAN RAFAEL - CARQINES -BENICIA - ANTIOCH - DUMBARTON AND SAN MATEO BRIDGES.ON THE BAY BRIDGE, TOLLS WOULD INCREASE TO SIX DOLLARS DURING PEAK COMMUTE HOURS ON WEEKDAYS - AND FIVE DOLLARS ALL DAY ON WEEKENDS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/25/10 REPORTED NEW NUMBERS SHOW APPLE EARNINGS SKYROCKETED IN THE LAST QUARTER OF 2009. THE COMPANY SAYS NET INCOME FOR THE FOURTH QUARTER LAST YEAR SURGED 50 PERCENT FROM THE SAME PERIOD THE PREVIOUS YEAR. APPLE SALES ALSO JUMPED 32 PERCENT TO A RECORD 15 BILLION DOLLARS. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES AHEAD OF WEDNESDAY'S MUCH-ANTICIPATED UNVEILEING OF THE COMPANY'S NEW TABLET COMPUTER.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED A 107-YEAR-OLD WOMAN BELIEVED TO BE THE OLDEST SURVIVOR OF THE 1906 SAN FRANCISCO EARTHQUAKE HAS DIED.JEANETTE SCOLA TRAPANI DIED MONDAY AT HER HOME NEAR SACRAMENTO. SHE WAS ONLY FOUR ... WHEN THE QUAKE hit -- BACK IN 1906. BUT HER DAUGHTER SAYS HER MOTHER MAINTAINED CLEAR MEMORIES OF THAT DAY NEARLY 104 YEARS AGO.SHE REMEMBERED THE SMOKE FROM THE FIRE AND RECALLED HOW HER FAMILY LIVED IN A TENT IN THE PRESIDIO. TRAPANI WAS A THIRD GENERATION SAN FRANCISCIAN ... WHO MARRIED HER HUSBAND AT SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL CHURCH IN THE CITY 80 YEARS AGO.THE FAMILY SAYS THEY WILL HOLD FUNERAL SERVICES AT THAT SAME CHURCH ... ON MONDAY MORNING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED AN INVESTIGATION IS UNDERWAY IN SONOMA COUNTY, AFTER A BOY SCOUT ENDED UP IN THE HOSPITAL AFTER HELPING FIGHT A FIRE.THE 16-YEAR OLD IS PART OF THE BOY SCOUT FIRE EXPLORERS.HE APPARENTLY HELPED FIREFIGHTERS DURING A FIRE AT A HOME ON THURSDAY. HE WAS TAKEN TO THE HOSPITAL FOR EXHAUSTION AND WAS RELEASED.FIRE OFFICIALS SAY THEY ARE INVESTIGATING. TYPICALLY, A FIRE EXPLORER CAN ONLY BE ALLOWED TO GO INSIDE A BUILDING ONCE THE FIRE IS UNDER CONTROL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/6/10 REPORTED HE CAME HOME A HERO THIS MORNING AFTER SERVING HIS COUNTRY FOR MORE THAN A DECADE. THE BODY OF ARMY STAFF SERGEANT DAVID GUTIERREZ RETURNED HOME TODAY TO BE LAID TO REST. HE WAS KILLED IN AFGHANISTAN ON CHRISTMAS DAY. FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF GUTIERREZ GATHERED AT HOLLISTER AIRPORT THIS MORNING TO RECEIVE HIS BODY. THE DEFENSE DEPARTMENT SAYS GUTIERREZ WAS KILLED WHEN AN IMPROVISED EXPLOSIVE DEVICE WENT OFF WHILE HE WAS ON PATROL. FUNERAL MASS WILL BE HELD TOMORROW AT SAINT MARY'S CHURCH IN GILROY, TO BE FOLLOWED BY MILITARY GRAVESIDE SERVICES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/10 REPORTED FROM GOOGLE EARTH, YOU CAN SEE MURPHY SITTING ON TENNESSEE STREET, BUNDLED UP IN BLANKETS. BUT ON ONE COLD NOVEMBER DAY SHE ENDED UP INSIDE NOT A HOME... BUT A HOSPITAL ROOM.CANDLES SHE APPARENTLY USED TO KEEP HERSELF WARM CAUGHT HER AND HER BLANKETS ON FIRE.SHE PASSED AWAY ON WEDNESDAY.CARS SLOWED AS THEY REACHED THE MEMORIAL SITE,NOTE POSTED HERE --GIVING PEOPLE WHO CARE, AN UPDATE. BUT AS FOR WHO SHE REALLY WAS OR IF SHE REALLY HAD A HOUSE OR A FAMILY - WE WILL NEVER KNOW.A HOSPITAL SPOKESPERSON WAS ORDERED NOT TO GIVE OUT ANY PERSONAL INFORMATION. Her family would come by every week bring her food

cloths make sure she had everything she need nothing they could do but accept they way she wanted to live SHE IS FAMILY FOR MANY WHO TRAVEL DOWN VALLEJO'S TENNESSEE STREET.A FAMILY MEMBER WHO WILL BE MISSED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/10 REPORTED A 15 YEAR OLD GIRL MAY BE CHARGED WITH FILING A FALSE POLICE REPORT- AFTER ADMITTING SHE WAS NOT GANG RAPED IN RICHMOND.POLICE SAY SHE MADE IT UP BECAUSE SHE WAS COMING HOME LATE.RICHMOND POLICE NOW CONFIRM THE GIRL LIED ABOUT BEING KIDNAPPED AT GUNPOINT THEN SEXUALLY ASSAULTED BY FOUR MEN FRIDAY NIGHT.HER REPORT SET OFF SERIOUS CONCERNS IN RICHMOND - BECAUSE ANOTHER TEENAGER WAS GANG RAPED OUTSIDE A HIGH SCHOOL THREE MONTHS AGO

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED CREWS WITH THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER ARE OVER AT THE HYDE STREET PIER WHERE THEY FOUND A SEA LION WITH FISHING LINE AROUND IT'S NECK...BUT HAVE REASON TO BELIEVE IT IS NOT THE SEA LION THAT WAS SEEN IN DISTRESS HERE AT PIER 39. THEY ARE TRYING TO HELP WHAT IS BELIEVED THAT INJURED SEA LION...AND AT THE SAME TIME FIGURE OUT IF IT'S THE SAME ONE FROM PIER 39. THAT ANIMAL WAS SEEN LAST NIGHT DOCKED AT THE PIER AND AGAIN THIS MORNING ABOUT 7AM RIGHT BEFORE IT SLIPPED BACK IN TO THE WATER. THE SEA LION DREW ONLOOKERS ABOUT 10 O'CLOCK LAST NIGHT WHEN THEY NOTICED WHAT LOOKS LIKE FISHING LINE WRAPPED AROUND ITS SNOUT AND ITS NECK. LAST NIGHT A RESCUE WOULD HAVE BEEN TOO DANGEROUS FOR CREWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/810 REPORTED EVEN THE SEA LION SINCE THE DOCKS ARE EXTREMELY SLIPPERY AND VISIBILITY IS AN ISSUE. ON TOP OF THIS.... YOU'RE DEALING WITH A 200 POUND ANIMAL IN DISTRESS. THIS MORNING... STAFF AND VOLUNTEERS FROM THE MARINE MAMMAL CENTER WENT OUT IN A BOAT LOOKING FOR THE SEA LION.. BUT SO FAR HAVE NOT HAD ANY LUCK FINDING IT. We're canvassing the area. We've looked at all the docks at Pier 39., The animal's not here. We have local rescue teams ready to go should we see the animal, and we also have boat operations actively searching for the animal, looking around Alcatraz, inside the San Francisco Bay, really trying to find where this animal may have gone. RESCUERS SAY THE ANIMAL APPEARED LETHARGIC LAST NIGHT...SO THEY DO WANT TO GET IT SOME HELP AND SOON.... BUT OF COURSE... FINDING THE ANIMAL IS ANOTHER STORY. RESCUERS SAY THIS IS A CALIFORNIA SEA LION SO IT REALLY COULD REALLY BE ANYWHERE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/8/10 REPORTED PASSENGERS WHO JUST TOUCHED DOWN SAY THERE WERE SOME SCARY MOMENTS ON BOARD.A MAN WAS YELLING IN THE BATHROOM AND THE PLANE SUDDENLY LANDED. INSTEAD OF A DIRECT FLIGHT TO THE BAY AREA THE PLANE WAS DIVERTED AND MET BY F-16 FIGHTER JETS. THE T-S-A SAYS AIR TRAN FLIGHT 39 WAS DIVERTED TO COLORADO SPRINGS MID FLIGHT BECAUSE OF AN UNRULY PASSENGER. OFFICIALS SAY THE MAN WAS INTOXICATED.. ARGUED WITH A FLIGHT ATTENDENT AND LOCKED HIMSELF IN THE BATHROOM. THE CAPTAIN DECIDED TO DIVERT TO COLORADO SPRINGS TO HAVE HIM REMOVED FROM THE PLANE.NORAD SCRAMBLED JETS TO MEET THE PLANE.LAW ENFORCEMENT WAS WAITING FOR THE PLANE IN COLORADO SPRINGS AND TOOK THE PASSENGER IS ON CUSTODY. PEOPLE ON THE AIR TRAN FLIGHT SAY FOR A FEW MINUTES THEY WORRIED IT WAS ANOTHER TERRORIST ATTACK..THE FBI IS INVESTIGATING THE INCIDENT. THIS IS THE SECOND DAY IN A ROW NORAD SCRAMBLED JETS TO ESCORT A COMMERCIAL FLIGHT WITH AN UNRULY PASSENGER ON BOARD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/25/10 REPORTED AN ANSWERING MACHINE MESSAGE SUGGESTS THAT A MAN SHOT BY SAN FRANCISCO POLICE THIS WEEKEND, INTENDED TO COMMIT "SUICIDE BY COP." POLICE SAY EDWARD SMITH LEFT THAT MESSAGE SATURDAY ON HIS DOCTOR'S ANSWERING MACHINE. LATER, POLICE SHOWED UP AT SMITH'S INGELSIDE DISTRICT HOME ... AFTER A ROOMMATE REPORTED HE'D BEEN DRINKING AND TAKING MEDICATION. OFFICERS SAY THEY SHOT AND KILLED SMITH WHEN HE CAME AT THEM WITH A MACHETE. SAN FRANCISCO'S POLICE CHIEF HAS PUSHED FOR THE DEPARTMENT TO ARM ITS OFFICERS WITH TASERS. BUT HE SAID TODAY ... THEY WOULDN'T HAVE HELPED IN THIS SITUATION. THE POLICE DEPARTMENT PLANS A COMMUNITY FORUM FOR THURSDAY... TO TALK WITH INGELSIDE RESIDENTS ABOUT THE SHOOTING.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED SANTA CRUZ POLICE ARE SEARCHING FOR A REDWOOD CITY MAN - IN AN ATTACK THAT'S BEING CALLED A POSSIBLE HATE CRIME. 24- YEAR OLD COLE WHITE IS SUSPECTED OF BEATING A GAY MAN EARLY SUNDAY MORNING OUTSIDE A DOWNTOWN BAR.POLICE SAY WHITE USED DEROGATORY LANGUAGE ABOUT THE VICTIM'S SEXUAL ORIENTATION WHICH LED TO A FIGHT POLICE SAY THE VICTIM SUFFERED A POSSIBLE BROKEN NOSE - AS WELL AS CUTS AND BRUISES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/10 REPORTED A NEW STUDY CLAIMS UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS HOLD THE KEY TO FIXING THE U-S ECONOMY.. U-C-L-A RESEARCHERS SAY IMMIGRATION REFORM WOULD ADD AS MUCH AS ONE AND A HALF TRILLION DOLLARS TO THE U-S ECONOMY IN THE NEXT TEN YEARS.RESEARCHERS SAY A PATH TO CITIZENSHIP FOR THE ESTIMATED 12 MILLION UNDOCUMENTED IMMIGRANTS CURRENTLY IN THE U-S WOULD ACTUALLY CREATE JOBS, BOOST WAGES, AND INCREASE TAX REVENUE.STUDIES SHOW IMMIGRANTS WHO BECAME LEGAL CITIZENS MOVED ON TO BETTER-PAYING JOBS WHICH LEADS TO MORE SPENDING AND TAX REVENUE.BUT SOME OPPONENTS SAY THAT EVEN WITH LEGAL STATUS, MANY IMMIGRANTS WOULD CONTINUE TO WORK IN LOW-PAYING JOBS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/10 REPORTED KATE KENDELL IS EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR LESBIAN RIGHTS .SHE'S A LESBIAN, MARRIED WITH TWO CHILDREN. SHE BELIEVES THE BROADCAST OF THIS CASE WOULD HAVE EDUCATED PEOPLE WHO ARE AGAINST GAY MARRIAGE. MISLEADING OR NOT....COURT PROCEEDINGS WON'T BE BROADCAST. THE RULING CAME DOWN WEDNESDAY IN A 17 PAGE DOCUMENT, BLOCKING TV AND INTERNET COVERAGE OF THE FEDERAL TRIAL ON THE BAN ON SAME SEX MARRIAGE. IT SAYS IT APPEARS THE COURT DIDN'T FOLLOW PROPER PROCEEDURE SET FORTH IN FEDERAL LAW. THOSE FIGHTING TO KEEP THE BAN IN PLACE ARE HAPPY WITH THE RULING. BUT ATTORNIES FOR THE PLAINTIFF'S WOULD LIKE TO SEE THE TRIAL HIT THE AIRWAVES. A VIDEO DEPOSITION OF DR. TAM...AN ORIGINAL PROPONENT OF PROPOSITION 8 WAS PLAYED TODAY ALONG WITH THE TESTIMONY OF A UCLA SCHOLAR IN PSYCHOLOGY WHO TALKED ABOUT HOW GAY MARRIAGE WOULD EFFECT SOCIETY. THEIR TESTIMONY IS GETTING OUT BUT PLAINTIFF'S ATTORNIES SAY SEEING THEIR TESTIMONY WOULD BE BEST FOR THE PUBLIC.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/1810 REPORTED Martin Luther King, Jr. devoted his life to making our world a better place to live. Honoring his legacy on his holiday several Bay Area Proud volunteer events took place in Santa Clara, Campbell and San Jose. South Bay Assembly member Paul Fong coordinated MLK Day of Service at Ulistac Natural Area to make our community a cleaner and more beautiful place."We try to encourage middle school students to create projects and look for ways they can make things happen in their daily lives."At Campbell

Middle School the biggest reward might be the look of Pride on the volunteer's faces at the end of the project and the joy of teamwork!"

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/26/10 REPORTED SUPPORTERS OF CALIFORNIA'S BAN ON GAY MARRIAGE BROUGHT THEIR FIRST WITNESS TO THE STAND TODAY IN THE ONGOING FEDERAL TRIAL CHALLENGING THE BAN'S CONSTITUTIONALITY IN SAN FRANCISCO. A POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR AT CLAREMONT MCKENNA COLLEGE TESTIFIED THAT GAYS IN CALIFORNIA ENJOY A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF POLITICAL CLOUT.LAST WEEK, A POLITICAL SCIENCE PROFESSOR TESTIFIED TO THE OPPOSITE.TODAY IS THE 10TH DAY OF THE TRIAL, WHICH IS EXPECTED TO REACH THE U.S. SUPREME COURT.LAWYERS FOR THE TWO SAME-SEX COUPLES WHO BROUGHT THE SUIT RESTED THEIR CASE THIS MORNING -- AFTER SHOWING A VIDEOTAPE IN WHICH SUPPORTERS OF THE BAN SAID GAY MARRIAGE WOULD LEAD TO POLYGAMY AND BESTIALITY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/10 REPORTED 13- HUNDRED PEOPLE SHARED ONE VERY IMPORTANT LIFE CHANGING MOMENT TODAY. ALL OF THEM TONIGHT ARE U-S CITIZENS. RENA SALOMAN CRIED WHEN LISTENING TO THE NATIONAL ANTHEM. DURING THE CEREMONY IN CAMPBELL ,SHE WAS CHOSEN TO LEAD THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGANCE.SALOMAN... WHO IS KNOWN AS THE "ANGEL IN THE HUMMER: FOR HER RELIEF EFFORTS IN NEW ORLEANS AFTER KATRINA...SAYS SHE'S BEEN WAITING FOR THIS MOMENT SINCE SHE WAS A CHILD.AFTER THE CEREMONY, SOLOMON DIDNT STOP TO CELEBRATE...INSTEAD SHE BEGAN A NEW MISSION OF MERCY... SHE DROVE HER HUMMER TO SAN FRANCISCO TO APPLY FOR A U.S. PASSPORT SO SHE CAN DO MORE RELIEF WORK, THIS TIME IN HAITI.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED A PAIR OF EDUCATION REFORM BILLS DESIGNED TO OVERHAUL THE STATE'S WORST-PERFORMING SCHOOLS AND PUT IT IN THE RUNNING FOR FEDERAL EDDUCATION DOLLARS -- ARE NOW HEADING TO THE GOVERNOR'S DESK.. THE BILLS PASSED THEIR FINAL HURDLE IN THE STATE SENATE TODAY, A DAY AFTER THE ASSEMBLY GAVE ITS GREEN LIGHT. THE GOVERNOR SAYS HE WILL SIGN THEM INTO LAW. THE REFORMS ARE ALSO KEY FOR CALIFORNIA COMPETING FOR PART OF THE 4-POINT-3 BILLION DOLLARS BEING MADE AVAILABLE TO STATES UNDER THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION'S "RACE TO THE TOP" INITIATIVE. THE LEGISLATION PASSED TODAY ALLOWS STATE OFFICIALS TO CLOSE FAILING SCHOOLS, CONVERT THEM TO CHARTER SCHOOLS, OR REPLACE

THE PRINCIPAL AND UP TO HALF THE STAFF.IT ALSO GIVES A PARENTAL TRIGGER THAT ALLOWS PARENTS TO MOVE CHILDREN OUT OF THE WORST PERFORMING SCHOOLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/10 REPORTED THINGS HAVE CALMED DOWN FOR THE STUDENTS AT COMPANEROS DEL BARRIO PRESCHOOL IN SAN FRANCISCO'S MISSION DISTRICT.BUT THE SCHOOL'S PRINCIPAL MARIA CRISTINA GUTIERREZ SAYS THE KIDS ARE STILL UPSET BY WHAT THEY WITNESSED YESTERDAY..SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES DRAGGING HER OUT OF A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS MEETING." THIS IS WHAT THE GROUP OF THREE AND FOUR-YEAR-OLD STUDENTS MADE FOR DAVID CAMPOS, THE SUPERVISOR OF THEIR DISTRICT. A POSTER WITH SAD FACES AND MESSAGES LIKE "I DON'T WANT MY DAD TO LOSE HIS JOB. "GUTIERREZ SAYS THEY DID IT BECAUSE SEVERAL OF THE CHILDREN'S PARENTS FEAR THEY'LL LOSE THEIR JOBS AT MUNI BECAUSE BUDGET CUTS...BUT INSTEAD THEY ENDED UP WITH DEPUTIES SURROUNDING THEM." SAYS HE HAS LAUNCHED AN INVESTIGATION INTO JUST WHAT HAPPENED. THERE IS A RULE PROHIBITING SIGNS BUT IT'S NOT STRICTLY ENFORCED AND IT'S NOT UNUSUAL FOR THE PUBLIC TO PASS ALONG MATERIAL TO HIM DURING THE MEETINGS. AN INCIDENT REPORT DESCRIBES GUTIERREZ AS DEFIANT WHEN DEPUTIES THEY TRIED TO STOP HER FROM DELIVERING THE SIGN.THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WOULD ONLY SAY THAT THE INVESTIGATION WAS ONGOING. IN SFTG NBC BAY AREA NEWS

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/10 REPORTED FROM THE RADIO AIRWAVES.....TO TAKING A RIDE ON THE FREEDOM TRAIN FROM SAN JOSE TO SAN FRANCISCO....PEOPLE SPENT THIS HOLIDAY REMEMBERING MARTIN LUTHER KING JR. EOPLE BOARDED THE FREEDOM TRAIN IN SIZEABLE NUMBERS....BUT THERE HAVE BEEN MORE PARTICIPANTS IN THE PAST. LADY RAY IS A MORNING SHOW D.J. ON THE HIP HOP RADIO STATION KMEL. THE HUGE CELEBRATION THAT USUALLY TAKES PLACE AT BILL GRAHAM AUDITORIUM WAS CANCELLED THIS YEAR.COMMUNITY LEADERS SAY THEY FEEL LIKE IT'S TIME FOR THE YOUNGER GENERATION TO STEP UP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/25/10 REPORTED TOUGH ECONOMIC TIMES AREN'T STOPPING STUDENTS FROM APPLYING TO ONE OF THE MOST EXPENSIVE AND PRESTIGIOUS COLLEGES IN THE COUNTRY--- STANFORD.STANFORD UNIVERSITY SAYS IT RECEIVED MORE THAN 32-THOUSAND APPLICATIONS FOR ITS FALL FRESHMAN CLASS. THAT TOPS LAST YEAR'S RECORD OF 30-THOUSAND.BUT MOST HIGH

SCHOOL SENIORS WHO APPLIED SHOULD GET READY FOR RE-JECTION LETTER. THERE'S ONLY 17-HUNDRED SPOTS AVAILABLE. AND THEY'LL HAVE TO PAY MORE FOR TUITION FOR ROOM AND BOARD. THE PRICE TAG? NEARLY 49-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED THE OWNERS OF A APARTMENT COMPLEX THAT'S TEETERING ON THE EDGE OF A CRUMBLING CLIFF IN PACIFICA ARE SPENDING ANOTHER MILLION DOLLARS TO TRY TO SAVE IT FROM FALLING INTO THE OCEAN.THE SITUATION GREW MORE PRECARIOUS TODAY, WHEN ADDITIONAL CHUNKS OF THE CLIFF FELL INTO THE PACIFIC.EVEN ONE OF THE OWNERS SAID HE KNEW ... ONE DAY .. THE BUILDING WOULD FALL INTO THE SEA -- BUT HE DIDN'T THINK IT WOULD BE THIS SOON.CREWS SAY ... THEY ARE DOING THE BEST THEY CAN.THE NEXT STEP FOR THE OWNER --- IS TO PAY THE CREW TO INSTALL A 30-FOOT STEEL WALL ... IN FRONT OF THE BOULDERS .. AND IN FRONT OF THE CLIFF -- TO TRY TO STOP THE EROSION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED THE BAY AREA'S BATTLE AGAINST AIR POLLUTION IS OFF ON A NEW DIRECTION IN SAN FRANCISCO.AIR QUALITY MANAGERS ARE CONSIDERING NEW GUIDELINES THAT WOULD FORCE BUILDERS TO STUDY THE HEALTH EFFECTS OF FREEWAY POLLUTION BEFORE BREAKING GROUND ON NEW CONDOMINIUM DEVELOPMENTS.DEVELOPERS COULD BE FORCED TO SCRAP BUILDING PLANS IF THERE IS A RISK.AIR DISTRICT OFFICIALS SAY THE NEW GUIDELINES WOULD PROTECT PEOPLE FROM CANCER - ASTHMA - LUNG DISEASE - AND OTHER AIR POLLUTION RELATED ILLNESSES. MANY DEVELOPERS SAY THEY CAN'T AFFORD THE ADDITIONAL EXPENSE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/910 REPORTED BAY AREA EARTHQUAKES-- TWO DAYS IN A ROW! THE ONE WHICH RUMBLED THROUGH THIS MORNING WAS SMALLER THAN YESTERDAY'S. THE U-S-G-S REPORTS A 3-POINT-SEVEN MAGNITUDE QUAKE HIT ABOUT SIX MILES EAST OF MILPITAS TODAY, JUST BEFORE NOON.PEOPLE REPORTED FEELING IT AS FAR NORTH AS SANTA ROSA. THE EPICENTER WAS VERY NEAR YESTERDAY'S QUAKE-- A MODERATE FOUR-POINT-ONE, WHICH STARTLED PEOPLE ON BOTH SIDES OF THE BAY, BUT DID NO SERIOUS DAMAGE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/910 REPORTED BAY AREA COLD CONTINUES TO GRIP MUCH OF THE NATION AS THE

POWERFUL STORM PUSHES EAST JUST IN TIME FOR THE WEEKEND.MUCH OF THE COLD IS IN PLACES NOT USED TO THIS KIND OF WEATHER..NEAR ATLANTA, AT LEAST THREE PEOPLE WERE INJURED IN A 30 CAR PILEUP WHEN CARS SLID OUT OF CONTROL. IN TENNESSEE, PEOPLE ABANDONED THEIR CARS ON A STEEP HILL, AND STARTED WALKING."I live a mile away and it took me three hours to get home. "HUNDREDS OF SCHOOLS WERE CLOSED IN AT LEAST TEN STATES BECAUSE OF THE WEATHER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/24/10 REPORTED BAY AREAFRUSTRATION FOR RESIDENTS IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAINS WHO ARE STILL LIVING WITHOUT POWER DAYS AFTER IT WENT OUT. ANOTHER STORM IS EXPECTED TO PASS THROUGH TONIGHT CAUSING CONCERN THAT THE PROBLEM MIGHT NOT GET FIXED OR BECOME WORSE. CAROL ORTIZ WAS WITHOUT ELECTRICITY UNTIL JUST A FEW HOURS AGO. BEFORE THAT... SHE HAD BEEN WITHOUT POWER FOR FOUR DAYS. SHE SAYS THE MOST FRUSTRATING PART WAS CALLING PG&E's RECORDED HOTLINES WHICH ESTIMATES WHEN POWER MIGHT BE RESTORED... BUT THAT'S JUST IT... IT'S AN ESTIMATE AND PG & E SAYS WHILE THEY'RE WORKING TO GET SERVICE BACK ONLINE... THERE ARE A LOT OF UNFORSEEN FACTORS THAT CAN CAUSE DELAYS. SHE SAYS BEING WITHOUT POWER GETS OLD QUICK . ORTIZ IS THANKFUL THE POWER IS BACK ON FOR NOW.. SHE'S CONCERNED ABOUT THE STORM THAT'S COMING THROUGH. RIGHT NOW AT LEAST A COUPLE DOZEN HOUSEHOLDS ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER IN THE SANTA CRUZ MOUNTAIN AREA.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED STANFORD CRIMINAL JUSTICE CENTER DIRECTOR ROBERT WEISBERG SAYS CONVENTIONAL WISDOM SAYS THE ECONOMIC DOWNTURN MEANS AN INCREASE IN CRIME...BUT IN FACT HE SAYS IT CAN LEAD TO FEWER CRIMES. SINCE THE EARLY 1990'S...THE NATIONWIDE CRIME LEVEL HAS BEEN DECREASING OR HOLDING STEADY. HOMICIDES ARE DOWN IN THREE BIGGEST CITIES IN THE BAY AREA.SAN FRANCISCO IS ON TRACK TO HAVE ITS LOWEST NUMBER OF HOMICIDES IN ALMOST 50 YEARS...45...DOWN FROM 98 IN 2008.OAKLAND HAS SEEN ITS HOMICIDE RATE DROP THREE STRAIGHT YEARS IN A ROW. AND SAN JOSE HAD 27 HOMICIDES IN 2009...DOWN FROM 32 THE YEAR BEFORE. WEISBERG SAYS WHILE IT'S GOOD TO SEE THE NUMBER OF HOMICIDES DROP IN THE BAY AREA....THE NUMBERS ESPECIALLY IN SAN JOSE ARE TOO SMALL TO TELL US MUCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/24/10 REPORTED GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER IS GETTING POOR MARKS FROM VOTERS THROUGHOUT THE STATE.SO POOR, IN FACT, THAT MORE THAN

HALF OF THOSE POLLED IN THE LATEST FIELD POLL SAY CALIFORNIA IS IN WORSE SHAPE NOW THAN IT WAS SIX-YEARS AGO WHEN SCHWARZENEGGER TOOK OFFICE. ONLY SEVEN-PERCENT OF REGISTERED VOTERS THINK THE GOVERNOR WILL LEAVE THE STATE IN BETTER CONDITION. THE POLL ALSO FOUND 27-PERCENT OF THOSE SURVEYED APPROVE OF THE JOB HE'S DOING. THE STATE LEGISLATURE DID EVEN WORSE. ONLY 16-PERCENT OF VOTERS POLLED APPROVE OF THE JOB THEIR DOING. THE FIELD POLL SURVEYED MORE THAN 12-HUNDRED REGISTERED VOTERS FROM JANUARY FIFTH THROUGH THE 17TH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/10 REPORTED THEY RISKED THEIR LIVES DURING COMBAT FOR OUR COUNTRY.... BUT NOW THE WOUNDED WARRIORS ARE FORCED TO MOVE FROM THE FRONT LINES HERE TO UNEMPLOYMENT LINES HERE.BACK FROM AFGHANISTAN, 30 YEAR OLD ALVIN RAMLU HAS P-T-S-D AND A TRAUMATIC BRAIN INJURY.AFTER 18 MONTHS AND A HUNDRED JOB REJECTIONS HE'S NOW SHARING HIS EMPLOYMENT SUCCESS STORY WITH OTHER WOUNDED VETS.HE SAYS THANKS TO PROJECT HIRED IN SAN JOSE HE LANDED A JOB AS AN OPERATOR AT THE V.A. HOSPITAL IN PALO ALTO. TODAY ABOUT 30 WOUNDED WARRIORS ATTENDED A CONFERENCE TO LEARN HOW TO GET HIRED IN THIS TOUGH ECONOMY. THEIR MAIN CHALLENGES? THE SKILLS THAT HELP THEM SURVIVE ON THE BATTLEFIED... DON'T ALWAYS TRANSLATE TO THE CORPORATE WORLD....THEY'RE ALSO STRUGGLING WITH DISABILITIES....AFTER SEARCHING FOR MONTHS, ROBERT BRILEY ENDED UP TAKING TWO JOBS., JANITOR AND BAKER. ... WORKING 21 HOURS A DAY WHICH IS WHY PROJECT HIRED'S LEADERS ARE NOW WORKING WITH BAY AREA COMPANIES TO OVERCOME THEIR CONCERNS ABOUT HIRING WOUNDED WARRIORS...AND NOW ALVIN IS PROOF TO THESE WARRIORS, THEY CAN WIN THE BATTLE FOR A JOB.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED DEMOCRATIC SUPER MAJORITY -- TWO HIGH PROFILE DEMOCRATIC SENATORS SAID THIS WEEK THEY WILL NOT SEEK RE - ELECTION.CONNECTICUT SENATOR CHRIS DODD MADE THE ANNOUNCEMENT TODAY THAT HE WILL NOT SEEK A SIXTH TERM. IT COMES JUST ONE DAY AFTER NORTH DAKOTA SENATOR BYRON DORGAN'S ANNOUNCMENT THAT HE IS BOWING OUT OF HIS RE-ELECTION RACE. ALREADY STEPPING IN TO RUN FOR DODD'S SEAT IS POPULAR CONNECTICUT ATTORNEY GENERAL -- DEMOCRAT RICHARD BLUMENTHAL. BOTH DORGAN AND DODD SAY THEY'LL FINISH OUT THEIR TERMS. THAT WAY DEMOCRATS WILL KEEP A 60 VOTE SUPER MAJORITY FOR THE UPCOMING HEALTH CARE AND BUDGET VOTES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED IF YOU HAVEN'T SEEN HER YET.. YOU WILL...CHRISTINE DOUGHERTY IS ALL OVER THE LATEST TACO BELL T.V. COMMERCIALS....CLAIMING SHE GOT HER BIKINI BOD...BY FOLLOWING WHAT THE COMPANY CALLS THE " DRIVE THRU DIET"BUT CAN YOU REALLY LOSE WEIGHT THIS WAY? "REGISTERED DIETITIAN LISA RICHARDSON SAYS:" YOUR NUTRIENTS MAY BE COMPROMISED, YOUR FIBER MOST CERTAINLY WILL BE... BUT YOU COULD LOSE WEIGHT THE DRIVE THRU DIET" IS A NICKNAME FOR THE SEVEN ITEMS..... EACH WITH LESS THAN NINE GRAMS OF FAT..... THE CHAIN IS OFFERING. MOST OF THE DIET ITEMS ONLY SHAVE OFF 20-100 CALORIES COMPARED TO THE TRADITIONAL VERSION...OFTEN BY SUBSTITUTING SALSA FOR CHEESE. AND DON'T ASSUME LOW CALORIE MEALS ARE ALWAYS HEALTHY. BUT REMEMBER...VARIETY IS KEY AND FAST FOOD IS NO REPLACEMENT FOR A DIET RICH IN FRUITS. VEGGIES AND LEAN PROTEIN....SO INSTEAD OF THINKING DRIVE THRU...CONSIDER **DRIVING TO** THE PRODUCE SECTION OF YOUR LOCAL GROCERY STORE.IN SAN JOSE MF NBC BAY AREA NEWS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/18/10 REPORTED A SOUTH BAY TEACHER HAS RUN ACROSS THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE TO RECLAIM HER HEALTH - AND IS INSPIRING OTHERS TO DO THE SAME.THAT'S SAMEYA GEWIRTZ) IN THE PINK AND BLUE TOP IN THE MIDDLE... SURROUNDED BY HER SUPPORTERS. THREE MONTHS AGO, THE 36-YEAR OLD TEACHER JOINED A GYM TO PREPARE TO MEET HER GOAL OF RUNNING THE 1-POINT-8 MILE SPAN ON HER 36-TH BIRTHDAY, WHICH WAS YESTERDAY. IT WAS A PRIVATE AND PERSONAL GOAL THAT TOOK ON A LIFE OF ITS OWN AS HER STUDENTS, THEIR PARENTS.. AND EVEN PERFECT STRANGERS WERE INSPIRED TO RUN WITH HER.SHE TOLD US THAT IT WAS HARD, BUT WITH THE SUPPORT OF NEARLY A HUNDRED PEOPLE RUNNING WITH HER SHE WAS ABLE TO DO IT. IN THE THREE MONTHS SHE TRAINED FOR THE RUN, GEWIRTZ LOST 40-POUNDS AND GAINED A NEW APPRECIATION FOR EXERCISE. SHE PLANS TO RUN FIVE-AND TEN-K RACES THIS YEAR... AND A MARATHON BY HER NEXT BIRTHDAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/10 REPORTED
"SPARE THE AIR" IS THE WORD FOR TODAY, AND TOMORROW TODAY'S
MARKS THE FIFTH OF THE WINTER SEASON.WOOD BURNING IS
BANNED.THAT INCLUDES FIRES WITH NATURAL WOOD - AS WELL AS
MANUFACTURED FIRE LOGS - OR SOLID FUELS. OFFICIALS SAY AIR
QUALITY IS NOT HEALTHY TODAY BECAUSE OF WEATHER

CONDITIONS.COMMUTERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO LEAVE THEIR CARS AT HOME - AND TAKE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/10 REPORTED THOUSANDS OF BAY AREA KAISER MEMBERS ARE FINDING OUT THEIR PERSONAL INFORMATION HAS BEEN COMPROMISED.ACCORDING TO THE CONTRA COSTA TIMES - KAISER SAYS SOMEONE STOLE A STORAGE DEVICE WITH DETAILS ON ABOUT NINE-THOUSAND LOCAL MEMBERS.IT INCLUDES PATIENTS' NAMES, MEDICAL NUMBERS, AND MEDICAL TREATMENT INFORMATION.FORTUNATELY, IT DOES NOT INCLUDE SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS OR FINANCIAL INFORMATION.KAISER SAYS IT HAS NOTIFIED AFFECTED PATIENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/25/10 REPORTED A BRITISH PSYCHOLOGIST SAYS TODAY IS THE MOST DEPRESSING DAY OF THE YEAR.SPECIFICALLY THE MONDAY OF THE LAST FULL WEEK IN JANUARY. AND IT'S NOT JUST BAD FOR MINNESOTA VIKINGS FANS. THE THEORY IS-- YOU'RE COMING DOWN FROM THE HIGH OF THE HOLIDAYS... CREDIT CARD BILLS ARE ROLLING IN... AND THOSE NEW YEAR'S RESOLUTIONS YOU MADE HAVE ALREADY BEEN BROKEN.

NOT TO MENTION-- JANUARY CAN BE GLOOMY! JUST THE LACK OF SUNSHINE MAY LEAD SOME TO DEVELOP *SEASONAL AFFECTIVE DISORDER* -- A MORE SERIOUS FORM OF THE WINTER BLAHS. AND GET MOVING -- PREFERABLY WITH OTHERS, BECAUSE DEPRESSED PEOPLE TEND TO ISOLATE THEMSELVES. LIGHT BOXES CAN ALSO HELP-- THEY'RE AVAILABLE ONLINE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/28/10 REPORTED CHEW ON THIS: SEXLETS GUM...THE MAKERS CLAIM IT ENHANCES MALE LIBIDO AND PERFORMANCE.IT'S NOT AN FDA APPROVED PRESCRIPTION DRUG LIKE VIAGRA OR CIALIS IT'S IS A BERRYMINT FLAVORED, ALL NATURAL BLEND OF HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS SEXLETS IS GETTING A LOT OF BUZZ, EVEN FROM NBC'S LATE NIGHT HOST...JIMMY FALLON .37 YEAR OLD TOMMY BABILA, WHO HAS SPENT 10 YEARS IN THE PHARMACEUTICAL MANUFACTURING INDUSTRY, IS THE MAN BEHIND THE GUM FOR HIM.WE VISITED HIM AT HIS OPA LOCKA FACTORY WHERE HE FIRST BEGAN PACKAGING THE HERBAL BLEND IN CAPSULES.NOW, HIS EMPLOYEES HELP PRODUCE NEARLY A MILLION PIECES OF SEXLETS A MONTH. SO DOES SEXLETS REALLY WORK? DR. SAMOWITZ DOESNT ENDORSE THE PRODUCT, BUT HE BELIEVES IT COULD BENEFIT SOME MEN.OH AND ONE MORE THING, BEFORE YOU POP ONE IN YOUR MOUTH...THERE IS ONE INGREDIENT THAT MIGHT MAKE YOU A BIT SQUEAMISH "Orchic powder, well it's ground up testicles"

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED THIS MORNING.CHP OFFICERS ARRESTED 160 PEOPLE FOR DRIVING UNDER THE INFLUENCE IN THE BAY AREA DURING THAT TIME.THATS UP 38 PERCENT ... COMPARED TO THE SAME TIME PERIOD LAST YEAR.STATEWIDE, CHP OFFICERS ARRESTED NEARLY 900 PEOPLE FOR DUI.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/2/10 REPORTED SAN FRANCISCO WANTS TO DO PROVIDE MORE BACK UP TO A SPECIAL DIVISION OF ITS POLICE DEPARTMENT. THEY WANT TOUGHER PENALITIES FOR ANYONE WHO ATTACKS CITY PATROL SPECIAL OFFICERS. THEY ARE ARE NOT SWORN OFFICERS. NEIGHBORHOODS HIRE THEM FOR COMMUNITY SECURITY. JANE WARNER WAS ON ROUTINE PATROL CHRISTMAS DAY - WHEN SHE WAS ASSAULTED IN THE CASTRO DISTRICT. WARNER SAYS STRICTER PENALITIES COULD MAKE A BIG DIFFERENCE. SHE IS STILL TRYING TO RECOVER FROM A BROKEN ARM - AND THE TRAUMA OF THE ASSAULT. THE ALLEDGED ATTACKER - JAMES MCCULLOUGH - FACES A LONG LIST OF CHARGES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/9/10 REPORTED THE MAN ACCUSED OF ATTEMPTING TO BLOW UP AN AIRPLANE OVER DETROIT ON CHRISTMAS DAY PLEADED NOT GUILTY TO ATTEMPTED MURDER CHARGES TODAY.23 YEAR OLD UMAR ABDUL-MUTALLAB IS ACCUSED OF TRYING TO SET OFF EXPLOSIVES THAT WERE HIDDEN IN HIS UNDERWEAR.THE CHARGES INCLUDE ATTEMPTED USE OF A WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION, AND THE ATTEMPTED MURDER OF ALMOST THREE HUNDRED PEOPLE.OUTSIDE THE FEDERAL COURTHOUSE, THE LOCAL MUSLIM COMMUNITY RALLIED AGAINST VIOLENCE BY RADICALS our THE TERROR GROUP "AL QAEDA IN THE ARABIAN PENINSULA" HAS CLAIMED RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE ATTEMPTED BOMBING.

NBC BAY AREA. THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/10 REPORTED SHE'S ON A FIXED INCOME, BUT LYNNE TAGGART WASN'T ABOUT TO SIT BY, WHILE THESE IMAGES FLASHED ON THE EVENING NEWS WHILE THE RED CROSS PROCESSES TAGGART'S DONATION...THE CHIEF OF THE U-S SEARCH AND RESCUE TASK FORCE 3 SHOWED US THE PRESSURE RESCUERS ARE UNDER.CHIEF HAROLD SCHAPELOUMAN CALLS THIS HIS CLASSROOM. IT'S WHERE HE TRAINS RESCUE CREWS FROM AROUND THE WORLD HOW TO FIND SURVIVORS. SCHAPELHOUMAN SAYS YOU DONT' JUST BRING IN CRANES TO PULL AWAY THE RUBBLE. YOU VIRTUALLY HAVE TO BE A STRUCTURAL SURGEON. SO WHY ISN'T SCHAPELHOUMAN'S RESCUE CREW IN HAITI? THE CHIEF SAYS FOR DOMESTIC REASONS. YOU CAN'T LEAVE THE BAY AREA AND THE COUNTRY EXPOSED...ESPECIALLY WITH THE RECENT SWARM OF EARTHOUAKES HERE, IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.. SCHAPELHOUMAN SAYS RESCUE WORK IS ALWAYS DIFFICULT.IT'S PAINFUL. AND THEY RELY ON PEOPLE LIKE LYNN TAGGART.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 1/13/10 REPORTED THERE'S MORE FALLOUT TONIGHT FROM GOOGLE'S ANNOUNCEMENT YESTERDAY THAT IT'S THINKING ABOUT CLOSING ITS DOORS IN CHINA ... BECAUSE OF CENSORSHIP AND COMPUTER SECURITY ISSUES.GOOGLE SAYS IT WILL NO LONGER CENSOR RESULTS ON ITS CHINESE SEARCH ENGINE ..RIVAL YAHOO, WHICH ALSO DOES BUSINESS IN CHINA, SAYS IT IS "ALIGNED" WITH GOOGLE .. BUT WOULD NOT ELABORATE.YAHOO CLOSED ITS OFFICE IN CHINA SEVERAL YEARS AGO, SELLING MOST OF ITS CHINESE BUSINESS TO A LOCAL COMPANY.ANOTHER RIVAL, CHINABASED "BAIDU.COM," SAW ITS STOCK PRICE SOAR ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT EXTRA BUSINESS IN CHINA WILL COME ITS WAY.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...
BUT THE NEW ALCATRAZ IPHONE APP ALSO SHOWS YOU AROUND THE
*ISLAND.*THE OFFICIAL NATIONAL PARK SERVICE TOUR OF THE HISTORIC
PRISON DOESN'T.THE \$1.99 APP CAN LINK YOU TO MOVIES VIDEOS
DOCUMENTING ALCATRAZ HISTORY...WHILE THE LIVE TOUR THESE
PEOPLE ARE LINING UP TO PAY \$26 FOR CAN'T.CREATOR MARK DEWEY
SAYS SOME BUYERS ARE USING IT IN ADVANCE OF THEIR TRIP AND
SOME...IN LIEU OF THEIR TRIP.IPHONE USER TRISH KELLY SAYS SHE'S
RATHER FOLLOW UP WITH THE APPLICATION AFTER HER TRIP...BUT THE
FERRY RIDE AND STANDING INSIDE THE ACTUAL PRISON IS THE REAL
DRAW. DEWEY SAYS YOU CAN STILL GO TO THE ISLAND BUT THE COST OF
THE HEADSETS IS ALREADY INCLUDED IN THE TICKET.USE HIS APP'S
AUDIO AND YOU CAN DEMAND EIGHT BUCKS BACK FROM THE TOUR
COMPANY. DANIEL ISHOFSKY AND HIS FAMILY SAY THEY DIDN'T MIND
PAYING FULL PRICE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...
IT WAS A QUIET DAY AT STEVEN'S CREEK TOYOTA .. BUT IT WON'T BE
THAT WAY FOR LONG .. AT LEAST, NOT FOR VINNIE CASUCCI .. THE
DEALERSHIP WON'T BE OPEN 24 HOURS A DAY, AND THEY'RE NOT HIRING
LOTS OF NEW MECHANICS .. BUT THEY 'WILL' CHECK AND FIX YOUR
TOYOTA .. AND THEY WON'T STOP UNTIL EVERY CUSTOMER IS TAKEN
CARE OF. HERE'S WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO .. THE ACCELERATOR PEDAL
ON THE RIGHT .. WITH THE METAL PLATE .. THAT'S THE KIND OF PEDAL
THAT'S BEEN HAVING PROBLEMS. IF YOU HAVE ONE OF THESE .. BRING
THE CAR INTO THE DEALERSHIP. IF, ON THE OTHER HAND, YOU FEEL
'BUMPS' ON THE SIDE OF YOUR ACCELERATOR .. THERE'S NO PROBLEM ..

NO NEED TO BRING YOUR CAR IN.IF YOU'RE CONCERNED, BRING IT IN .. JUST CALL FIRST .. BECAUSE SOON, IT COULD GET CROWDED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...

The service department at Hanlees Toyota is hopping...fixing recalled cars But the sales lot's a different picture.if you like fishing sales is like fishing. You throw your hook and wait and see what happens...But nobody's biting...since Toyota announced its massive recalls salespeple like Elbert Cooks have been spinning their wheels.Cooks says he's never seen sales this slow in his 13 years at Richmond's Hanlees Toyota...not too long ago the once huge sales staff could barely keep up. everyone was so busy even with that type of staff we couldn't cover the people that was coming in and need help.hello Victor this is Elbert from Hanless Toyota" Now Cooks is doing all he can to cook up business...he can't wait to be Toyota's top seller once again. I actually hold the store record at 25 1/2 cars in one month so noone has broken that record in fact at this rate it will

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/10 REPORTED...
THE UNEMPLOYMENT RATE IN JANUARY DROPPED BELOW TEN-PERCENT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MONTHS....AN EVENT PRESIDENT OBAMA IS MARKING...CAREFULLY. AT A MARYLAND HEATING PLANT TODAY, HE WAS PLEASED, BUT <u>CAUTIOUS</u> ABOUT THE JANUARY UNEMPLOYMENT RATE, WHICH FELL FROM DOUBLE-DIGITS TO NINE-POINT-SEVEN PERCENT.BUT 541 THOUSAND AMERICANS <u>FOUND</u> JOBS.
MANUFACTURERS HIRED 11 THOUSAND, THE MOST SINCE APRIL '06.RETAILED ADDED 42 THOUSAND, THE MOST SINCE NOVEMBER '07JOBLESSNESS <u>FELL</u> TO 9.7 <u>FROM 10%</u>. SOME OF THAT WAS SEASONAL, AND ANOTHER SURVEY SHOWED 20 THOUSAND JOBS LOST STILL NON PARTISAN ECONOMISTS UP HERE FIGURE <u>IT WILL BE YEARS</u> 'TIL UNEMPLOYMENT DROPS FROM NEAR 10% TO NEAR 5.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED... 2009 AND 2010 COROLLAS ARE THE LATEST TOYOTAS TO BE TARGETED BY U-S REGULATORS...A POSSIBLE STEERING PROBLEM MAY CAUSE THE CAR TO WANDER ACROSS DRIVING LANES.. BUT IT'S NOT YET WORTHY OF RECALL TALK. COROLLA'S STEERING... STICKING GAS PEDALS... BRAKING PROBLEMS ON THE PRIUS... AND AN IMAGE ISSUE WITH THE BRAND...EXPLAINS WHY TOYOTA EXECUTIVES WERE ABOUT THE BUSIEST AT THE CHICAGO AUTO SHOW.ANOTHER SNOWSTORM IN WASHINGTON FORCED A CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEE TO POSTPONE A HEARING TO EXAMINE THE RECALLS AND TOYOTA'S RESPONSE. BUT... FOLLOWING A TENSE PHONE CALL FROM THE U-S' TRANSPORTATION CHIEF TO TOYOTA'S PRESIDENT IN TOKYO.....TOYOTA'S CHIEF EXECUTIVE MIGHT TRAVEL TO THE U-S, HIMSELF, NEXT WEEK TO CONFRONT CRITICISM HIS COMPANY'S MOVED TOO SLOWLY ON RECALLS..ALL THIS WHILE JAPAN'S NUMBER TWO AUTOMAKER, HONDA, HAS ALSO EXPANDED A RECALL. THERE COULD BE FAULTY AIRBAG INFLATORS ON MOST MODELS HONDA OFFERED BACK IN 2001 AND 2002...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED... JOHN WRIGHT HAS BEEN UNEMPLOYED FOR A YEAR AND LITTLE BY LITTLE THE ENERGY HE'S MANAGED TO HOLD ONTO FOR HIS JOB SEARCH IS DRAINING AWAY. THE OUT OF WORK TRUCK DRIVER SPENDS ALMOST EVERY DAY HERE AT THE OAKLAND EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT.WHEN WRIGHT IS NOT HERE HE'S AT HOME TAKING CARE OF HIS SON WHILE HIS PREGNANT WIFE...WHO IS ALSO UNEMPLOYED...TAKES A SPOT IN FRONT OF ONE OF THESE COMPUTERS.BUT JUST BARELY.OAKLAND MAYOR RON DELLUMS SAYS HELP ISN'T FAR AWAY AND IT HAS BEEN COMING IN THE FORM OF FEDERAL STIMULUS DOLLARS. SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM SAID THE SAME THING TODAY AT THE ANNUAL MAYORS ECONOMIC FORECAST.BOTH CITIES SAY THAT STIMULUS FUNDS HAVE ALREADY HELPED LAUNCH CITY CONSTRUCTION AND INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS THAT ARE CREATING WORK FOR UNEMPLOYED RESIDENTS.BUT IT'S NOT ENOUGH.DELLUMS HAS A LONG LIST OF PROJECTS THAT INCLUDE IMPROVING THE PORT OF OAKLAND AND CREATING MORE GREEN TECH JOBS THAT WILL HAVE TO BE FINANCED WITH ADDITIONAL FEDERAL MONEY.WRIGHT HAS PASSED THE TIME RECEIVING TRAINING IN GREEN TECH AND OTHER FIELDS TO INCREASE HIS CHANCES OF LANDING A JOB. BUT HE SAYS HE CAN ONLY WAIT SO LONG.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/10 REPORTED... NEW UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS WENT UP LAST WEEK, SURPRISING ECONOMISTS WHO'D EXPECTED TO SEE THE NUMBERS TRENDING DOWN.JOBLESS CLAIMS ROSE BY 31-THOUSAND, FOLLOWING A DROP OF 41-THOUSAND THE WEEK BEFORE.A BRIGHT SPOT CAME FROM CALIFORNIA, WHERE CLAIMS DROPPED BY MORE THAN 13-THOUSAND BECAUSE OF FEWER LAYOFFS IN THE CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...

SAN FRANCISCO'S STOCKTON STREET CUTS A COLORFUL AND BUSTLING PATH THROUGH CHINATOWN. IT'S A STREET FILLED WITH SHOPPERS, AND BUSSES JAMMED WITH RIDERS. LIKE HIS FATHER BEFORE HIM...

RAYMOND HUNG OWNS A PHOTO SHOP ON STOCKTON. BUT LATELY BUSINESS HASN'T EXACTLY BEEN PICTURE PERFECT. WITH THE CITY STARTING WORK ON THE NEW CENTRAL SUBWAY TO CHINATOWN, HUNG IS HOPING GOOD THINGS ARE JUST DOWN THE LINE. A CEREMONIAL TOSSING OF THE DIRT TODAY... KICKED OFF WORK ON THE ONE POINT SEVEN MILE PROJECT... EXPECTED TO COST AROUND TWO BILLION DOLLARS. CREWS HAVE BEGUN MOVING UTILITIES LINES... WITH DIGGING SET TO BEGIN IN TWO YEARS. IT WILL RUN DOWN FOURTH STREET... STOPPING SOUTH OF MARKET, UNION SQUARE... AND ENDING JUST DOWN THE STREET FROM HUNG'S SHOP. BUT NOT EVERYONE IS ROLLING OUT

THE WELCOME MAT. A GROUP OF TRANSIT ACTIVISTS CALLING ITSELF "SAVE MUNI" QUESTIONS A NEED FOR THE PROJECT. ALTHOUGH HUNG WORRIES CONSTRUCTION WILL DISTURB BUSINESS, HE'S ALSO HOPEFUL. HE THINKS THE SUBWAY WILL DELIVER A WHOLE NEW SHADE OF PROSPERITY... TO ALREADY COLORFUL STOCKTON STREET.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/9/10 REPORTED ANOTHER BLOW FOR THE STATE'S HIGH SPEED RAIL TODAY.THAT 9 BILLION DOLLAR BOND MEASURE PASSED IN 2008 APPARENTLY DIDN'T ACCOUNT FOR INFLATION.

THAT'S THE WORD FROM THE STATE LAWMAKER WHO ACTUALLY WROTE THE BOND MEASURE FOR THE PROJECT. THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT RECENTLY AWARDED A TWO BILLION DOLLAR FEDERAL GRANT-- BUT THAT AND THE NINE BILLION DOLLAR BOND COME UP WELL SHORT OF THE 16 BILLION NEEDED TO REALLY GET THE PROJECT ROLLING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/9/10 REPORTED A NEW RELEASE TODAY FROM GOOGLE ..THE MOUNTAIN VIEW SEARCH GIANT CALLS IT "BUZZ..." A NEW WAY TO GET SOCIAL THROUGH YOUR GMAIL .. FROM THE EARLY LOOKS OF IT, THIS IS GOOGLE TAKING ON FACEBOOK .. YOU CAN, AMONG OTHER THINGS, SEND YOUR FRIENDS UPDATES ON WHAT YOU'RE DOING .. GOOGLE WILL ROLL OUT "BUZZ" OVER THE NEXT SEVERAL DAYS.PAY PAL" IS BLOCKING CERTAIN PAYMENTS TO INDIA .. THE SAN JOSE ONLINE PAYMENT SERVICE SAYS IT WILL CONTINUE TO BLOCK SOME PERSONAL PAYMENTS 'FROM' INDIA .. WHILE IT TRIES TO WORK THINGS OUT WITH INDIAN REGULATORS .. AND, ATTENTION VALENTINE'S SHOPPERS .. TARGET IS PULLING IT'S VALENTINE'S "MESSAGE BEARS" FROM SHELVES, AFTER THE CALIFORNIA ATTORNEY GENERAL RAISED CONCERNS THAT THE BEARS HAVE ILLEGAL LEVELS OF LEAD.JESSICA, THE BEARS ARE PINK, WITH NICE MESSAGES ACROSS THEIR CHEST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/9/10 REPORTED CARS AND TRUCKS...NEW OFFICE FURNITURE...AND CONFERENCE ROOMS. EVEN IN A YEAR OF FURLOUGHS AND LAYOFFS...THE STATE CONTINUES TO SPEND...AND, CRITICS SAY, SPEND EXCESSIVELY....ASSEMBLY MEMBER HECTOR DE LA TORRE IS REFERRING TO THE MILLIONS SPENT LAST YEAR JUST ON NEW CARS...DESPITE AN EXECUTIVE ORDER FROM THE GOVERNOR TO STOP NON-ESSENTIAL SPENDING..DOCUMENTS OBTAINED BY KCRA THREE REVEAL A CONTINUED PATTERN OF ON-GOING SPENDING BY STATE AGENCIES LIKE CALTRANS,THE DMV, AND GENERAL SERVICES THAT ADDS UP QUICKLY...THE BIG TICKET...ALMOST 44 MILLION SPENT ON CARS AND PICKUPS...JUST UNDER 30 MILLION ON NEW OFFICE FURNITURE...AND JUST OVER 2 MILLION TO RENT CONFERENCE ROOMS. IT TOTALS ALMOST 75 MILLION DOLLARS...THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ISSUED A LIMITED RESPONSE..

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/9/10 REPORTED ANOTHER DAY, ANOTHER RECALL.IS TIME TOYOTA ANNOUNCED A RECALL OF MORE THAN 400-THOUSAND OF IT'S FLAGSHIP PRIUS MODELS.IT'S JUST THE LATEST HIT FOR TOYOTA, WHICH HAS NOW RECALLED MORE THAN 8 AND A HALF MILLION CARS AND TRUCKS IN RECENT WEEKS.EVEN AS TOYOTA TRIES TO TACKLE THESE PROBLEMS, THE CONTINUING ISSUES HAVE FORCED SOME COMPANIES TO MAKE SOME TOUGH CHOICES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...
ZIPCAR -- A CAR SHARING SERVICE -- ANNOUNCED TODAY IT HAS PULLED ALL RECALLED 2010 PRIUS HYBRIDS OUT OF ITS FLEET UNTIL THE BRAKE CONCERNS HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED BY TOYOTA. A SIMILAR COMPANY -- CITY CAR SHARE -- HAS DONE THE SAME.DRIVERS RENTING THE CARS TODAY SAY THEY WERE HAPPY TO FIND OUT THEY WEREN'T GOING TO END UP BEHIND THE WHEEL OF THE NEWEST PRIUSES..ONE DRIVER SAYS WHEN SHE MAKES HER RESERVATIONS WITH CITY CAR SHARE ... SHE WILL ALWAYS REQUEST AN OLDER MODEL PRIUS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED...

MEANTIME -- HONDA IS EXPANDING AN ALREADY EXISTING RECALL TO
FIX PROBLEMS TH AIRBAGS ON SEVERAL OF ITS MODELS.THE JAPANESE
CAR MAKER SAYS IT PLANS TO RECALL ANOTHER 380-THOUSAND
ACCORDS, CIVICS, ODYSSEYS AND CR-V'S SOLD IN 2001 AND 2002. TOYOTA
SAYS THE AIRBAG INFLATOR ON THE DRIVER'S SIDE IN THESE MODELS
COULD DEPLOY WITH TOO MUCH PRESSURE CAUSING INJURY OR DEATH.
INITIAL RECALL FOR THIS DEFECT WAS CALLED IN NOVEMBER OF 2008
AND IT WAS EXPANDED FOR THE FIRST TIME IN JULY OF LAST YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED... MOST OF THE FLOWERS SOLD THIS HOLIDAY WILL BE FLOWN IN FROM OUT OF THE COUNTRY. AND LOCAL GROWERS SAY IT'S A TREND THAT'S CAUSING A ONCE THRIVING INDUSTRY TO WILT.NBC BAY AREA'S JODI HERNANDEZ SPENT THE DAY AT ONE OF THE FEW REMAINING ROSE NURSERIES IN THE BAY AREA.. we try to have the nicest, freshest stuff possible...Try to get our roses out the next day. With Valentine's Day just a few days away...you might say flower growers like Neve Brothers in Petaluma are putting the pedal...to the metal!) we spend a lot of time especially this time of year growing these flowers taking care of the crop"But while the blossoms are beautiful...business isn't exactly rosy...this year and last year too the economy doesn't have a lot if extra money to spend on luxuries like flowers. It's not just the bad economy...competition from abroad has made it tough for California growers to survive there were over 100 rose growers at this point we're one of nine maybe tenmost of the flowers you see in Safeways and big box stores are all imported there's very few local growers in the state of state of California...The Neves have been growing flowers for 4 generations...they're not about to let their blossom business wilt.....they say quality and variety keep them afloat. this

nursery grows 50 different varieties, they come in every color...but the most popular for Valentine's Day...red") there are beautiful fresh California floweres to be had all you have to do is ask for them"So choosing the right petals may not only make your Valentine happy it could keep local growers blooming too. In Petaluma

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED...
THIS YEAR'S MACWORLD WAS CROWDED .. FROM THE REGISTRATION LINE ..TO THE SHOW FLOOR AND NO ONE WAS MORE RELIEVED THAN THE MACWORLD STAFF ITSELF .. THAT'S PAUL KENT .. WHO PUT THE WHOLE THING TOGETHER .. WITHOUT APPLE, NORMALLY THE STAR OF THE SHOW ..AND WHILE FIGHTING BAD WEATHER ON THE EAST COAST ..BUT EVEN WITHOUT THE USUAL DRAW .. BUSINESSES WERE ABLE TO LURE APPLE FANS .. AND FANS .. COULD GET THEIR HANDS ON DOZENS OF GADGETS .. BIG COMPANIES LIKE MICROSOFT SHOWED UP TO DANCE AROUND .. IBM SWEETENED THE DEAL FOR THOSE WAITING IN LINE .. AND THIS NEW APP, A GAME CALLED "SEAL HEROES," WILL DONATESOME OF ITS PROCEEDS TO FAMILIES OF NAVY SEALS LOST IN ACTION.SO .. NO APPLE .. BUT MACWORLD, AND ITS APPLE PRODUCTS, LIVES ON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1010 REPORTED...
"FRIDAY IS KEY" FOR CAR POOLERS WHO WILL LEARN WHETHER THEY
WILL HAVE TO SHELL OUT THREE BUCKS TO CROSS THE GOLDEN GATE
BRIDGE, DURING CERTAIN PEAK TIMES.THE AUTHORITY THAT RUNS THE
BRIDGE IS CONSIDERING THE TOLL FOR ALL CAR POOLERS USING THE
BRIDGE BETWEEN 5 AND 9 A-M, AND 4 AND 6 P-M, WEEKDAYS.THE BOARD
OF DIRECTORS WILL TALK THINGS OVER ON THURSDAY, THEN MAKE A
DECISION AT FRIDAY'S BOARD MEETING.A FINAL VOTE WOULD COME IN
LATE MAY.IF PASSED, THE TOLL WOULD BE COLLECTED, STARTING JULY
FIRST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1010 REPORTED... We're on the scene in the Lower Haight at the Toronado, where they're celebrating San Francisco Beer Week. Folks from around California... beer makers like the Russian River Brewing Company are here to celebrate beer and inform people as well.""From the brewers perspective, San Francisco Beer week is about getting the brewers, the bars, the restaurants, the bottle shops and the consumers all together, meeting, greeting, drinking and just having a great time while promoting American craft beer at its best."AND THE KEY IS THAT THESE ARE CRAFT BEERS, THIS ISN'T THE FACTORY MADE STUFF... AND THERE'S AN IMPRESSIVE BUZZ AROUND THE CITY FOR AN EVENT IN JUST ITS SECOND YEAR."It's pretty amazing that in the second year this thing has really taken off. There is an amazing amount of events and what's amazing to me is the amount of restaurants who have picked this up."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1010 REPORTED... IF YOU PAID THE FINE FOR A RED-LIGHT TICKET IN SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO RECENTLY. YOU COULD BE GETTING YOUR MONEY BACK, THANKS TO A LEGAL LOOPHOLE.THE RED-LIGHT CAMERAS WERE

INSTALLED LAST AUGUST, BUT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO'S CITY COUNCIL DIDN'T RATIFY THE CONTRACT WITH THE INSTALLER SO THE CITY COULDN'T LEGALLY OPERATE THE CAMERAS. THE MAYOR SAYS THOSE WHO PAID THE FINE, **OR** PAID FOR TRAFFIC SCHOOL BETWEEN AUGUST AND JANUARY 27TH, WILL GET THEIR MONEY REFUNDED. IF YOU RAN THE LIGHT ON JANUARY **28TH OR LATER** -- TOUGH LUCK.

CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN & WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...

CLASSES WERE CANCELED TODAY AT AN EL SOBRANTE HIGH SCHOOL

MOURNING THE DEATH OF A STUDENT ATHLETE WHO COLLAPSED AT A

BASKETBALL GAME. SCHOOL LEADERS CALLED OFF CLASSES AT

CALVARY CHRISTIAN ACADEMY TODAY -- BUT DID HAVE GRIEF

COUNSELORS ON CAMPUS FOR THE STUDENTS.MANY STUDENT'S WERE AT

FRIDAY'S GAME -- AND FOLLOWED ELLISON'S AMBULANCE TO THE

HOSPITAL, AN AUTOPSY WAS DONE TODAY, BUT THE RESULTS HAVE YET

TO BE RELEASED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED... AN SUV DRIVER LOST CONTROL, AND KILLED A CYCLIST ON A LOS GATOS SIDEWALK IT HAPPENED ON LARK AVENUE AT THE CORNER OF GARDEN HILL DRIVE.POLICE SAY 28-YEAR OLD JOSHUA WEST, WAS RIDING ON THE SIDEWALK, WHEN THE DRIVER OF A CHEVY BLAZER VEERED FROM THE RIGHT-TURN LANE, AND ONTO THE SIDEWALK, STRIKING WEST. THE SUV THEN HIT A TRAFFIC BARRIER, CONTINUED ACROSS THE INTERSECTION, WHERE IT RAN INTO A TRAFFIC SIGNAL, AND FLIPPED ON ITS SIDE.WEST WAS PRONOUNCED DEAD AT THE SCENE.THE DRIVER SUSTAINED MINOR INJURIES.A DECISION IS EXPECTED SHORTLY ON WHETHER THE DRIVER WILL BE CHARGED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/810 REPORTED...
THE TOYOTA RECALL PROBLEM IS HAVING A REAL IMPACT ON THE RESALE VALE OF TOYOTA CARS. THE BIBLE OF RESALE, KELLEY BLUE BOOK, SAYS IT'S LOWERING THE RESALE VALUE OF TOYOTAS AFFECTED BY THE ACCELERATOR DEFECT --FOR THE SECOND TIME IN A WEEK. THAT LEAVES THE VALUE OF THE CARS AN AVERAGE THREE AND A HALF PERCENT LOWER THAN A WEEK AGO. THE CHANGE MOSTLY REFLECTS A LOWER CONSUMER DEMAND FOR THE CARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/810 REPORTED...
AN ELDERY WOMAN IS DEAD TONIGHT-- AFTER SHE WAS HIT BY A SAN FRANCISCO UTILITES VAN...AS SHE CROSSED THE STREET ..IT HAPPENED AT OCEAN AND MIRAMAR AVENUES NEAR CITY COLLEGE THIS AFTERNOON...SHE DIED AT THE ACCIDENT SITE. POLICE ARE STILL TRYING TO FIGURE OUT WHAT HAPPENED.
A FEW MILES AWAY AND LESS THAN A MINUTE LATER, A MUNI BUS HIT A

PEDESTRIAN...THE INJURIES IN THAT ACCIDENT MAY ALSO BE LIFE THREATENING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/510 REPORTED... THE PRIEST AT THE HINDU COMMUNITY TEMPLE IN UNINCORPORATED VALLEJO, IS PRAYING FOR THE RECOVERY OF AMARJIT KAUR. SHE WORSHIPS HERE REGULARLY. A SINGLE MOTHER OF THREE, WHOSE HUSBAND PASSED AWAY IN INDIA ABOUT SIX YEARS AGO. SINCE THEN SHE'S BEEN RAISING HER SON AND TWO DAUGHTERS ALONE HERE WITH THE HELP OF FAMILY.FREIGHTENED AND IN SHOCK OVER THE SHOOTING OF THEIR MOTHER ON WEDNESDAY. SHE WAS ATTACKED DURING A ROBBERY ATTEMPT OF HER ICE CREAM TRUCK ON SPRINGS ROAD. POLICE ARE LOOKING FOR THE SHOOTER 15 YEAR OLD PETER MONTENEGRO. AND NOW WE ARE LEARNING, HE MAY NOT HAVE ACTED ALONE.POLICE SAY THE GUN USED IN THE CRIME HAS BEEN RECOVERED.THIS SURVEILLANCE TAPE FROM A NEARBY HOTDOG STAND, HELPED POLICE IDENTIFY THE SUSPECT. BOTH SUSPECTS ATTENDED HOGAN HIGH SCHOOL. PEOPLE WHO LIVE IN THE COMMUNITY ARE IN SHOCK AND WANT TO HELP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED...
HARD TIMES OFTEN BRING HARD HITS IN THE FORM OF DOMESTIC
VIOELNCE ...AND WE ARE SEEING IT IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY WHERE
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE RELATED DEATHS SHOT UP MORE THAN 200
PERCENT IN 2009 COMPARED TO 2008. THERE WERE 11 DEATHS LINKED TO
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE IN SANTA CLARA COUNTY LAST YEAR, COMPARE
THAT TO JUST THREE THE YEAR BEFORE. BUT INVESTIGATORS SAY
THERE IS PROMISE IN THE FACT THAT THE 11 DEATHS CAME FROM FIVE
SEPARATE INCIDENTS, A SMALL INCREASE FROM THREE SEPARATE
INCIDENTS THE YEAR BEFORE. IN ANY CASE OF DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
INVESTIGATORS SAY TO LOOK FOR WARNING SIGNS. THE SANTA CLARA
COUNTY D-A- SAYS IF YOU ARE WORRIED ABOUT DOMESTIC VIOLENCE,
IT'S BEST TO ACT IMMEDIATELY, RATHER THAN TO WAIT AND SEE WHAT
HAPPENS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED... SINCE BEING DISCOVERED IN AUGUST, DUGARD HAS REMAINED IN SECLUSION WITH THE TWO DAUGHTERS SHE ALLEGEDLY HAD WITH PHILLIP GARRIDO, LEAVING QUESTIONS INTO HER PERSONAL ACCOUNT OF THE ORDEAL. BUT NEW DOCUMENTS GIVE AN EERIE LOOK INTO THE 18 YEARS SHE ALLEGEDLY SPENT IN THE GARRIDO'S ANTIOCH HOME, PAINTING A PICTURE OF GROWING ANGUISH. PROSECUTORS SAY DUGARD'S DIARY SHOWS THE GARRIDO'S MANIPULATED THE GIRL. LATER ENTRIES SHOW GROWING FRUSTRATION AND CONFUSION.I AM AFRAID HE DOESN'T SEE HOW THE THINGS HE SAYS MAKES ME FEEL LIKE A PRISONER.WHY DON'T I HAVE CONTROL OF MY LIFE! I FEEL I CAN'T EVEN

BE SURE MY THOUGHTS ARE MY OWN. DUGARD WROTE IN 2004, WHEN SHE WAS 24.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...

TARGETING HUMAN TRAFICKERS: ALAMEDA COUNTY IS STEPPING UP THE FIGHT AGAINST THE SEXUAL EXPLOITATION OF CHILDREN FOR PROFIT. A NEW PROGRAM, CALLED "HEAT WATCH", OR "HUMAN EXPLOITATION AND TRAFFICKING WATCH", WAS UNVEILED TODAY. IT COMBINES FIVE STRATEGIES TO COMBAT TRAFFICKING AT A LOCAL, REGIONAL AND NATIONAL LEVEL.THOSE STRATEGIES INCLUDE ENGAGING LOCAL BUSINESSES AND COMMUNITIES, TRAINING LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS, VIGOROUSLY PROSECUTING OFFENDERS, PURSUING LEGISLATION THROUGH POLICYMAKERS, AND PROVIDING SERVICES FOR CHILDREN WHO HAVE BEEN SEXUALLY EXPLOITED

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...
HOPE YOU HAVE 400 BUCKS TO SPARE ...BEACUSE STARTING TODAY,
DRIVING IN ONE EAST BAY CITY COULD BE A LOT MORE EXPENSIVE THE
CITY OF HAYWARD THIS MORNING ACTIVATED ITS TWO RED-LIGHT
CAMERAS.BOTH ARE ON INDUSTRIAL PARKWAY.ONE IS AT WHIPPLE
ROAD, AND THE OTHER'S ON MISSION BOULEVARD.
RUN A RED LIGHT, AND THE CAMERAS TAKE FOUR PICTURES AND A 12SECOND VIDEO, RECORDING YOUR VIOLATION. THERE WILL BE NO
CITATIONS FOR 30-DAYS-- JUST WARNINGS.BUT STARTING IN MARCH, THE
FINE WILL BE 430-DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...
THE OBAMA ADMINISTRATION SAYS A CALIFORNIA HEALTH INSURANCE COMPANY HAS SOME EXPLAINING TO DO TONIGHT. ANTHEM BLUE CROSS WANTS TO INCREASE ITS PREMIUMS FOR INDIVIDUAL SUBSCRIBERS BY NEARLY 40-PERCENT. SO HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES SECRETARY, KATHLEEN SEBELIUS, FIRED OFF A LETTER TO THE COMPANY ASKING IT TO JUSTIFY THAT KIND OF AN INCREASE. AND DURING AN INTERVIEW YESTERDAY, PRESIDENT OBAMA CALLED ANTHEM'S PLANS AN EXAMPLE OF WHY THE NATION NEEDS HEALTH CARE REFORM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...

A MAN ACCUSED OF SHOOTING TO DEATH AN EAST PALO ALTO POLICE OFFICER FOUR YEARS AGO-- TODAY WAS SENTENCED TO DEATH BY LETHAL INJECTION. ALBERTO ALVAREZ HAD NO REACTION AS THE JUDGE DELIVERED THE SENTENCE. IT WASN'T A SURPRISE. THE JURY WHICH CONVICTED ALVAREZ IN DECEMBER ALSO RECOMMEND HE RECEIVE THE DEATH PENALTY. ALVAREZ KILLED OFFICER RICHARD MAY IN JANYARY

OF 2006, AFTER MAY RESPONDED TO A REPORT OF A FIGHT AT RESTAURANT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...

VALLEJO MAYOR OSBY DAVIS....FRUSTRATED OVER THE RASH OF CRIME IN HIS CITY. HE MET WITH THE POLICE CHIEF AND CITY MANAGER THIS MORNING TO TALK ABOUT WAYS TO STOP IT. HE DOESN'T THINK RECENT BUDGET CUTS ARE TO BLAME. EARLY THIS MORNING, MATTHEW HICKS WAS SHOT AND KILLED IN THE 400 BLOCK OF FAIRGROUNDS DRIVE. POLICE SAY LAST NIGHT HE WAS THE SUSPECT IN AN ALLEDGED DOMESTIC VIOLENCE DISPUTE.HICKS IS THE FATHER OF THE 17 YEAR OLD, ARRESTED IN CONNECTION OF AN ASSAULT OF A VALLEJO CITY WORKER LAST WEEK.POLICE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR THE 15 YEAR OLD, ACCUSED OF SHOOTING THE ICE CREAM TRUCK DRIVER LAST WEEK. AND OVER THE WEEKEND THERE WAS ANOTHER KILLING IN FRONT OF A LIQUOR STORE AND ADD TO THAT A COUPLE OF STABBINGS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...

RUN OVER ON PURPOSE DALY CITY POLICE ARE INVESTIGATING

LAST NIGHT'S *DEADLY HIT-AND-RUN* outside a pizza RESTATAURNT ... AS A

HOMICIDE THE VICTIM IS IDENTIFIED AS 21-YEAR OLD JESSE WILEY, A

FORMER FOOTBALL PLAYER AT SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO HIGH SCHOOL.

WITNESSES SAY HE AND ANOTHER MAN WERE FIGHTING WITH TWO

OTHERS-- WHEN A DARK S-U-V RAN OVER WILEY, KILLING HIM.

THE TWO MEN HE'D BEEN FIGHTING WITH, THEN JUMPED INTO THE

VEHICLE AND SPED OFF. POLICE SAY THE S-U-V WAS POSSIBLY A

CADILLAC ESCALADE WITH CHROME WHEELS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...
THE MAYOR APPLAUDED THE POLICE DEPARTMENT FOR FIGHTING CRIME EFFICIENTLY AND EFFECTIVELY.BUT HE ALSO OUTLINED PLANS TO BEEF UP CRIME FIGHTING EFFORTS WITHOUT ADDING ANY MORE POLICE OFFICERS TO THE FORCE.ASSIGNING SPECIAL OPERATIONS RESOURCES TO HELP INVESTIGATORS AND ASKING THE C-H-P TO HELP DURING BUSY SUMMER MONTHS.THE MAYOR STRESSED THAT DESPITE RECENT CUTS, OFFICERS ARE DOING A GOOD JOB NOW.THE MAYOR ALSO APPLAUDED SOLID AND SWIFT POLICE WORK...CITING THE ARRESTS OF TWO SUSPECTS IN THE MOB ASSAULT ON A CITY WORKER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED...
AMTRAK KICKED OFF A RAIL SAFETY CAMPAIGN TODAY TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF PEDESTRIANS HIT BY TRAINS, JUST A DAY AFTER A 55-YEAR-OLD WOMAN WAS STRUCK AND KILLED ON THE TRACKS IN OAKLAND.CALIFORNIA LEADS THE NATION IN PEDESTRIAN-TRAIN FATALITIES, WITH A LARGE PERCENTAGE OF THEM OCCURRING IN THE BAY AREA.ONE FRESNO MOTHER, WHO BURIED HER SON TWO YEARS AGO, SUPPORTS THE *COMMON SENSE* CAMPAIGN -- BECAUSE SHE

DOESN'T WANT ANOTHER PARENT TO SUFFER WHAT SHE DID. THE SAFETY CAMPAIGN FOCUSES ON 18- TO 34-YEAR-OLDS, WHO MAKE UP MORE THAN A THIRD OF ALL PEDESTRIAN CASUALTIES ON TRAIN TRACKS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/10 REPORTED...
ROSALIND HAYES JOHNSON IS BACK AT THE CHURCH WHERE THE
UNTHINKABLE HAPPENED.ON SUNDAY, THREE MEN WEARING HOODED
SWEATSHIRTS, WALKED INTO GETHSEMANE CHURCH ON ROOSEVELT
BLVD AND STARTED SHOOTING.TWO OF HER TEENAGE SONS WERE
HIT.FOR HAYES-JOHNSON, NEWS OF A 15 YEAR OLD, ARRESTED FOR
INVOLVEMENT IN THE SHOOTING IS HARD TO TAKE.
RICHMOND IS HAVING A TOUGH 2010.LAST WEEK, A PREGNANT MOTHER
OF TWO WAS KILLED IN FRONT OF A RELATIVE'S HOUSE.NOW SHOTS
RINGING OUT IN A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE COME TO PRAY. GUN VIOLENCE
REACHING EPIDEMPIC PROPORTIONS IN A CITY THAT HAS A VIOLENT
REPUTATION.THAT WILL BE TOUGH TO DO ACCORDING TO BISHOP
CARLETON LEONARD.IN 2005, A BULLET STRUCK A PARISHIONER IN
FRONT OF HIS CHURCH, WORD OF LIFE CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP IN
RICHMOND.THAT STATEMENT RINGS TRUE FOR HAYES-JOHNSON.

DIVERSITY

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/10 REPORTED...
THERE WAS A PUSH IN NOVATO TODAY TO GET IMMIGATION REFORM ON THE NOVEMBER BALLOT.THE GROUP "CITIZENS FOR LEGAL EMPLOYMENT AND CONTRACTING" HAS COLLECTED MORE THAN HALF THE REQUIRED SIGNATURES TO PLACE AN INITIATIVE ON THE BALLOT ... TO FORCE

EMPLOYERS WORKING WITH THE CITY TO VERIFY THE CITIZENSHIP OF WORKERS. THE GROUP HAS BEEN URGING THE CITY TO ADOPT AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING BUSINESSES TO USE THE INTERNET IDENTIFICATION SYSTEM "E-VERIFY" TO CHECK THE LEGALITY OF WORKERS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/10 REPORTED... One hundred years ago today, the Angel Island Immigration Station opened its doors. THAT ANNIVERSARY WAS COMMEMORATED TODAY IN THE SOUTH BAY.ABOUT 175 GUESTS WERE HOSTED BY CONGRESSWOMAN ZOE LOFGREN.THE ANGEL ISLAND FOUNDATION WORKS TO PROMOTE A GREATER UNDERSTANDING OF IMMIGRATION ON THE WEST COAST, AND ITS ROLE IN SHAPING AMERICA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/10 REPORTED...
EARLIER IN THE WEEK WE INTRODUCED YOU TO GHANA'S ONLY WINTER OLYMPIAN... THE SNOW LEOPARD... AND NOW IT'S TIME TO MEET KENYA'S LONE STAR.WE'LL CALL HIM THE ROLLER SKIER.DUE TO AN ENORMOUS LACK OF SNOW IN HIS HOME COUNTRY, PHILIP BOIT IS FORCED TO PRACTICE HIS SKIING ON SKATES.HEGETS SOME STRANGE LOOKS DURING HIS TRAINING, BUT HE DOESN'T MIND.14 YEARS AGO BOIT WAS PICKED BY NIKE IN A PROJECT TO SEE IF KENYANS COULD HAVE SUCCESS ON SKIS... BUT EVEN AFTER THAT MONEY RAN OUT, BOIT CAN'T GIVE UP THE SPORT BECAUSE HE LOVES IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED...
DESPITE AN EXCRUTIATING BUDGET SHORTFALL ...THE SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL BOARD IS BOOSTING A CONTROVERSIAL SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR GAY AND LESBIAN STUDENTS. UNANIMOUS VOTE LAST NIGHT - THE BOARD DECIDED TO EXPAND THOSE SCHOOL SERVICES - BY KEEPING TRACK OF HARRASMENT AND INCREASING INSTRUCTION ON ISSUES OF SEXUAL ORIENTATION.THE PLAN CALLS FOR ADDING A DISTRICT POSITION TO MANAGE LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER YOUTH ISSUES. AT A COST AT 120-THOUSAND DOLLARS A YEAR.THE DISTRICT CURRENTLY FACES A 113-MILLION DOLLAR BUDGET SHORTFALL OVER THE NEXT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED...
THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA IS GETTING SOME PUSHBACK TO ITS
NEW FRESHMAN ENROLLMENT POLICY. STARTING IN 20-12 THE U-CSYSTEM WILL TRIM GUARANTEED ADMISSION FROM THE TOP 12.5
PERCENT OF THE STATE'S HIGH SCHOOL GRADS TO THE TOP TEN PERCENT.
MONTEREY PARK ASSEMBLYMAN MIKE ENG ORGANIZED A PROTEST AT
U-C- DAVIS TODAY. HE SAYS THE NEW POLICY DOESN'T MAKE SENSE AND
WILL LEAD TO A LESS DIVERSE STUDENT POPULATION. ENG SAYS ONE

STUDY SHOWS THAT UNDER THE NEW POLICY AFRICAN AMERICAN ENROLLMENT WOULD DROP 27 PERCENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED... REV. AMOS BROWN IS TALKING ABOUT THE QUEST TO BUY YOUR OWN HOME...PART OF THE AMERICAN DREAM.BUT HE SAYS...DAY IN AND DAY OUT...HE SITS DOWN WITH PEOPLE WHO TELL HIM PAINFUL STORIES ABOUT THAT DREAM BECOMING A NIGHTMARE FULL OF RACIAL ROADBLOCKS.HE SAYS HE RECENTLY HAD TO STEP IN WHEN A SENIOR CITIZEN...JUST A SIGNATURE AWAY FROM FINALLY OWNING HER OWN HOME...WAS TOLD HER BANK HAD DOUBLED THE AGREED-UPON INTEREST RATE.BROWN...HEAD OF SAN FRANCISCO'S CHAPTER OF THE NAACP...IS ONE OF MANY WHO SAY THE LATEST HOMEOWNERSHIP STATISTICS ARE NOT SURPRISING. THE FIGURES SHOW THAT IN TERMS OF HOMEOWNERSHIP...THE NUMBERS ARE UP FOR ASIANS AND LATINOS ACROSS THE BAY AREA.BUT AFRICAN AMERICAN HOMEOWNERS DECREASED. SAN FRANCISCO'S OFFICE OF HOUSING SAYS IT'S CAUSED BY MUCH MORE THAN FORECLOSURES.MYRNA MELGAR SAYS LATINO AND ASIAN POPULATION IN THE BAY AREA HAS INCREASED OVER THE LAST TEN YEARS...BUT AFRICAN AMERICANS CONTINUE TO MIGRATE OUT OF THIS EXPENSIVE REGION. ASIANS NOW MAKE UP 30-PERCENT OF THE POPULATION IN SAN FRANCISCO.MELGAR ALSO SAYS THE MUCH-MALIGNED PRACTICE OF PREDATORY LENDING HASN'T DECREASED AS MUCH FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS AS IT HAS FOR OTHER GROUPS.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...

"We're trying to document how students are effected by budget cuts.... They're students on assignment...only this isn't a class project....these UC Berkeley students are doing their part to put faces and real stories to the budget cuts. I've just seen so many different stories from people who really don't care much or aren't affected that much which is fine...to people whose lives have really been changed are in danger of not being able to stay in school. Graduate photo-journalism student James Buck...says the cuts are hitting students and staff in so many ways he knew they needed to be documented....Buck teamed up with other students to launch California cuts.org...a website designed to show the full budget picture. when you really hear these stories and how they're affected and have to take on two jobs or their parents can't afford it or maybe they won't be able to graduate it hurts. The project's giving people like comparitive literature major and single mother Audra Zamora a vehicle to share their struggles. Zamora says the 32-percent fee hike is hurting her family. I'm glad they're getting everybody's story out and I'm happy to share my story because I know it's one that's probably untold."The students say they're glad they're giving people an outlet both to share and to learn the true scope of the budget cuts. because when people feel they at least have someone to talk to and have a voice, they can tell their story. That's the amazing thing about journalism"

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/610 REPORTED... SENDING POLICE OFFICERS BACK TO HIGH SCHOOL IS THE GOAL OF A NEW PROGRAM CALLED "COPS ON CAMPUS ...AIMED AT REDUCING GANG ACTIVITY. STUDENTS AT INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL IN ESAT SAN JOSE HAVE A SEEN THE PROGRAM WORK AT THEIR SCHOOL AND NOW FREMONT ASSEMBLYMEMBER, ALBERTO TORRICO, WANTS OTHER SCHOOLS TO TRY IT TOO. HE'S PUSHING A BILL TO PROVIDE GRANTS TO SCHOOLS WHICH WANT A COP ON CAMPUS ...HOPING IT WILLS END A MESSAGE TO GANG BANGERS THE GRANTS WOULD BE FUNDED BY AN INCREASE IN THE STATE VEHICLE LICENSE FEE FOR LUXURY VEHICLES VALUED AT MORE THAN 50-THOUSAND DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/910 REPORTED...
TONIGHT MOUNT DIABLO SCHOOL DISTRICT TRUSTEES WILL CONSIDER
21- MILLION DOLLARS IN ADDITIONAL BUDGET CUTS.IT LOOKS LIKE MOST
OF THE SACRIFICES WOULD COME FROM TEACHERS AND OTHER

WORKERS - WHO COULD BE ASKED TO ACCEPT 3 PERCENT PAY CUTS - TWO FURLOUGH DAYS - OR INCREASE CLASS SIZE.

THE BOARD VOTED LAST MONTH TO SLASH 12 MILLION DOLLARS FROM ITS THREE YEAR BUDGET - WITH A FINAL GOAL OF CUTTING ABOUT \$35 MILLION.THE BOARD WILL LOOK AT CLOSING SCHOOLS AS WELL.TONIGHT'S MEETING IS AT 7:00 - AT THE DISTRICT OFFICE IN CONCORD WE'LL HAVE THE RESULTS OF THE VOTE AND REACTION TONIGHT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED... MOST SCHOOLS HAVE COMPUTER LABS WHERE STUDENTS COME A FEW PERIODS A WEEK TO DO HOMEWORK AND POLISH THEIR DIGITAL SKILLS....BUT EAST LABS ARE DIFFERENT. EAST STANDS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL AND SPATIAL TECHNOLOGY AND IN LABS LIKE THIS ONE AT HORACE MANN MIDDLE SCHOOL IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, STUDENTS SPEND FIVE PERIODS A WEEK AND COUNTLESS HOURS AFTER SCHOOL, DESIGNING BUILDINGS... MAKING FILMS... (NAT SOT) AND DREAMING UP AMBITIOUS PROJECTS THAT THEY SEE THROUGH TO FRUITION.MANY EAST PROJECTS HAVE AN ENVIRONMENTAL THEME SUCH AS SURVEYING THE WATERSHED ADJACENT TO THEIR SCHOOL.. ANOTHER PROJECT BEGAN AS AN EFFORT TO DOCUMENT JAPANESE AMERICAN INTERNMENT CAMPS. MORE THAN THIRTEEN HUNDRED COPIES OF THE STUDENT FILM HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED WORLDWIDE. AND THE PRODUCTION LED TO THE CREATION OF A MEMORIAL GARDEN AT THE SCHOOL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED... THE CREAM IS RISING TO THE TOP IN A PENINSULA GYMNASIUM .. AND BECAUSE THESE KIDS MADE A COMMITMENT TO IMPROVING THEMSELVES .. THEY'RE ON THEIR WAY TO VANCOUVER.THE EXCITEMENT IS DEFINITELY BUILDING AS WE GET CLOSER IT'S THE FIRST TRIP FOR A LOT OF THEM OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY, THEY GET THERE IT'S JUST GOING TO KNOCK THEIR SOCKS OFF. TO GET THERE, THEY HAD TO COME HERE, TO THE BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB OF THE PENINSULA. HEY MAN CONGRATULA-TIONS ON THOSE GRADES MAN , IT'S GOOD TO SEE.SEAN MENDY IS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF COLLEGE BOUND, A PROGRAM KEEPING KIDS ON THE STRAIGHT PATH .. WHATEVER THEY NEED IS WHAT WERE GIVING THEM WERE LOOKING AT MORE THAN UCLA AND USC AND ALL THAT TO KNOW YOUR MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN SOMEONES LIFE... YOU DON'T DO IT FOR THE SALARY. COUNSELOR GIVE RULES.TIJIANNA ROBINSON KNOWS HER FUTURE STARTS HERE I WANT TO HAVE MY FUTURE PLANNED OUT AND MY GOALS WORKED OUT AND I WONT STOP UNTIL I'VE ACHIEVED THOSE GOALS AND WHAT BETTER WAY IS THERE TO SHOWCASE ACHIEVEMENT THAN TO WATCH THE BEST ATHLETES IN THE WORLD.IT'S A CHANCE FOR THEM TO LEARN ABOUT EXCELLENCE, TO LEARN WHAT IT MEANS TO BE AN OLYMPIC ATHLETE, LIFE LESSONS THEY CAN LEARN FROM WATCHING ATHLETES AND APPLY TO THEIR HIGH SCHOOL CAREERS. I WANT TO STUDY LAW AND I WANT TO GO TO SPELLMAN, HARVARD, CORNELL OR STANFORD AND AS FAR AS THE OLYMPICS ARE CONCERNED...I'M HOPING TO SEE SHAUN WHITE CAUSE I HEAR HE HAS REALLY COOL HAIR WELL, THAT'S THE SHORT TERM GOAL .. IN MENLO PARK,

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED... BRIAN DANIELS DOESN'T JUST PINCH PENNIES .HE SQUEEZES THEM FOR ALL THEY ARE WORTH.HIS CUPPOARD IS STOCKED WITH TUNA AND NOODLES FROM THE DOLLAR STORE.CANDLES DON'T JUST LIGHT HIS APARTMENT ... THEY HEAT IT.AND AN UNUSED APPLIANCE IS AN UNPLUGGED APPLIANCE.SO YOU CAN SEE WHY SOMEONE SO CAREFUL WITH HIS MONEY ... WAS SO BOTHERED WHEN HIS COMMUNITY COLLEGE BOOKSTORE WANTED SO MUCH OF IT.ONE BOOK FOR A MUSIC COURSE COST HIM CLOSE TO ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY DOLLARS. BUT THEN DANIELS DID SOME DIGGING AND, FOR EXAMPLE, FOUND THAT A USED COMMUNICATIONS TEXTBOOK HIS BOOKSTORE CHARGED HIM EIGHTY-NINE DOLLARS FOR ... HE COULD HAVE HAD ON AMAZON.COM FOR A BUCK TWENTY.HE DECIDED TO FIGHT BACK ... AND, BELIEVE IT OR NOT, GOT HIS MONEY BACK. HE ENCOURAGES OTHERS TO DO THE SAME. LORI GASKIN IS WEST VALLEY COLLEGE'S PRESIDENT.SHE SAYS, FIRST AND FOREMOST, THE COLLEGE SYMPATHIZES WITH THE STUDENTS ... BUT FRANKLY ... BOOK PRICING IS ULTIMATELY NOT IN THEIR CONTROL.TO WHICH THE PUBLISHING INDUSTRY WOULD REPLY WHEN YOU CONSIDER THE TIME, RESEARCH, AND EXPERTISE THAT GOES INTO ONE OF THESE BOOKS ... AND THE LIMITED MARKET FOR THEM ... THE PRICE IS FAIR ... AND DON'T EXPECT IT TO DROP.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/10 REPORTED... HOW TO SAVE A LIFE, STUDENTS AT SOUTH GRAND PRAIRIE HIGH SCHOOL NEAR Arlington Texas, ARE PURSUING POSSIBLE CAREERS.AS SOPHOMORES, STUDENTS CAN CHOOSE TO ENROLL IN ONE OF FIVE ACADEMIES that will prepare them for college and careers in everything from accounting To art..... From building bridges... To building ARGUMENTS.....and with this jealous rage consuming him, he murders them. When we first went to Academies, we were really fighting the concept that moving to Career Academies was dumbing down and just catering to vocational skills and that we were throwing academic rigor out the window. And that's not it at all....her initial BP was 130 over 70, pulse was...MOST OF THE ACADEMIES INVITE PROFESSIONALS LIKE FLIGHT PARAMEDIC CHUCK SKINNER TO VOLUNTEER AS MENTORS. Rather than this pie in the sky kind of education where we all hold hands singing Kumbaya and read Socrates, we actually are talking about stuff that matters today. They'll come out of school ready to do work. We have jobs waiting for some of these guys. THESE STUDENTS CAN GRADUATE HIGH SCHOOL AS A CERTIFIED EMERGENCY MEDICAL TECHNICIAN...WHILE STUDENTS IN THE ARTS ACADEMY GRADUATE WITH A DIFFERENT RESUME...THE ACADEMY IS ALSO A TRAINING GROUND FOR POTENTIAL FUTURE EMPLOYEES. A

UNIQUE PROGRAM CALLED READY, SET, TEACH, PROVIDES COURSEWORK AND IN-CLASS TRAINING FOR FUTURE TEACHERS.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/610 REPORTED... ITS A RACE AGAINST TIME IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA: CREWS ARE WORKING AROUND THE CLOCK TO CLEAR MUDSLIDE DEBRIS FROM NEIGHBORHOODS. BEFORE MORE WET WEATHER MOVES IN TOMORROW.THEY'RE CLEARING CATCH BASINS, LOADING DUMP TRUCKS, AND REMOVING MUD FROM HOMES AND STREETS.SATURDAY'S STORM FORCED THE EVACUATION OF MORE THAN 500 RESIDENTS IN THE LA CANADA FLINTRDGE AREA. ESIDENTS WERE ALLOWED BACK HOME YESTERDAY, BUT AT LEAST NINE HOMES ARE UNINHABITABLE. XPERTS SAY THE AREA WILL BE PRONE TO MUDSLIDES FOR AT LEAST 5 YEARS--BECAUSE OF LAST SUMMER'S MASSIVE 'STATION FIRE'. HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF PEOPLE ARE STILL WITHOUT POWER ACROSS THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION AFTER A BIG SNOW STORM, AND ANOTHER ONE IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER.THIS WASN'T THE BIGGEST SNOWSTORM TO HIT THE REGION BUT IT WAS ONE OF THE LARGEST IN HISTORY.IN THE PAST SEVERAL DAYS. SEVERAL FEET OF SNOW FELL FROM VIRGINIA TO NEW JERSEY TO OHIO.TODAY, MANY PEOPLE BEGAN DIGGING OUT FROM THE SNOWBOUND STREETSTHE BLIZZARD ALSO CANCELLED HUNDREDS OF FLIGHTS THIS WEEKEND. THE MORE THAN 30 HOURS OF SNOWFALL ALSO KNOCKED OUT POWER IN MANY REGIONS.FEDERAL AGENCIES WILL BE CLOSED TOMORROW IN WASHINGTON... A MOVE THAT COSTS THE GOVERNMENT ROUGHLY 100 MILLION DOLLARS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/810 REPORTED ALAMEDA VOTERS HEAD TO THE POLLS TOMORROW - TO DECIDE WHETHER TO LET A DEVELOPER BUILD THOUSANDS OF HOUSING UNITS ON THE OLD NAVAL AIR STATION."MEASURE B" WOULD ALLOW "SUNCAL" TO PUT UP 45-HUNDRED APARTMENTS AND CONDOS ON ALAMEDA POINT.SUN-CAL ALSO PLANS TO BUILD SCHOOLS, A LIBRARY, A SPORTS COMPLEX, FERRY TERMINAL, BIKE PATHS, RETAIL, AND MORE.BACKERS SAY THE DEVELOPMENT IS A GOOD IDEA BECAUSE THE ABANDONED NAVAL BASE COSTS TOO MUCH TO MAINTAIN.OPPONENTS SAY THE PLAN WOULD HAND OVER CONTROL OF ALAMEDA POINT TO SUN-CAL -- AND WILL CREATE A TRAFFIC NIGHTMARE DOWN THE ROAD

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...
PICTURE THIS - IN OUR OWN BACKYARD - THAT IS EXACTLY WHAT 49ERS SUPPORTERS ARE DOING -- THIS COULD BE CONFETTI RAINING ON A NEW, 68-THOUSAND SEAT STADIUM IN THE SOUTHBAY. THE NFL SAYS MIAMI GOT A 400-MILLION DOLLAR BOOST TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY, BY HOSTING THE SUPERBOWL. HALF A BILLION IN GLENDALE ARIZONA FOR THE 2008 SUPER BOWL. AND THE DESERT IS ALREADY ON RECORD ASKING

THE NFK TO BRING THE PARTY BACK IN 2014. SO MUCH BUSINESS, IT BLOWS HARRI BANGALORE'S MIND.HE'S THE OWNER OF THE MEXICALI GRILL AT THE MERCADO SHOPPING CENTER.... WHERE HE'S HAD A BUMPY RIDE THE LAST 2 YEARS.BUT SOME AT THE LOCAL PUBLIC LIBRARY WERE NOT IMPRESSED BY THE SUPER BOWL. EVEN SOME STADIUM SUPPORTERS DON'T WANT THE CITY TO SPEND THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS IN REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO HELP PAY FOR IT.THE USE OF THOSE FUNDS IS WHY A VOTE IS NEEDED. HOTELS NEAR THE PROPOSED STADIUM SITE SAY THEY'RE READY TO OPEN THEIR DOORS TO FOOTBALL. THEY HOPE THE CONFETTI IN MIAMI SHOWS WHAT THE NFL CAN BRING, WHEN IT FLEXES ITS SUPER BOWL MUSCLE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/9/10 REPORTED... IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TONIGHT, HILLSIDE NEIGHBORHOODS NORTH OF LOS ANGELES ARE THREATENED BY MUDSLIDES-- AND THOSE NEIGHBORHOODS ARE MORE THAN HALF-EMPTY.SHERIFF'S DEPUTIES WALKED DOOR-TO-DOOR TODAY, URGING RESIDENTS TO EVACUATE. JENNIFER BJORKLUND, FROM OUR NBC STATION IN LOS ANGELES, IS LIVE IN LA CANADA-FLINTRIDGE -- AND OBVIOUSLY, PEOPLE ARE HEEDING THE WARNINGS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...
AFTER A TWO YEAR LULL IN HALF MOON BAY, THE SURF IS UP AND SO IS THE MAVERICKS SURF CONTEST, BUT NOT EVERYONE IS CELEBRATING. THE 24 SURFERS SET TO COMPETE IN THE CONTEST VOTED 15 TO 9 TODAY TO HOLD THE COMPETITION THIS SATURDAY. SOME OF THOSE WHO VOTED AGAINST HOLDING THE CONTEST SAY THE MIX OF STORM SYSTEMS OFF THE COAST COULD CREATE DANGEROUS CONDITIONS. BUT THE CONTEST IS SET TO BEGIN AT 8:00 A-M- SATURDAY, THE FIRST TIME SINCE 2008. IT WILL BE BROADCAST AT A-T-&T- PARK IN SAN FRANCISCO AND ONLINE AT "MAVERICKS SURF DOT COM."

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED...
AS STRANGE AS IT MAY SOUND... THERE'S SOMETHING ABOUT A TIDAL MARSH THAT SPEAKS TO FLORENCE LARIVIERE. SHE FIGURES AFTER MORE THAN A CENTURY OF DEVELOPMENT AND FILL... THE BAY'S SURVIVING WETLANDS ARE WORTH FIGHTING FOR. AND THAT'S JUST WHAT THE 86 YEAR ACTIVIST HAS DONE FOR MORE THAN 40 YEARS. BUT LARIVIERE IS NO LONGER FIGHTING **AGAINST** THE TIDE.
THE STATE AND FEDERAL GOVERNMENTS HAVE BEGUN SLOWLY RESTORING A TARGETED 50 THOUSAND ACRES OF BAY WETLANDS... LIKE THE DON EDWARDS WILDLIFE REFUGE NEAR THE EAST BAY CITY OF NEWARK. TODAY THE U-S FISH AND WILDLIFE SERVICE RELEASED ITS 50-YEAR PLAN TO RESTORE THE SAN FRANCISCO BAY'S DEMINISHING TIDAL LANDS. IT'S AIMED AT SAVING ENDANGERED SPECIES LIKE THE CLAPPER RAIL AND THE SALT MARSH HARVEST MOUSE. THE PLAN ENCOURAGES

STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS TO BUY-UP HABITATS, TEAR DOWN OLD LEVEES AND RESTORE MARSH LANDS. TO LARIVEIER... THOSE STRATEGIES AREN'T NEW. IT'S WHAT SHE'S BEEN PREACHING SINCE STARTING HER PRESERVATION BATTLE IN THE SIXTIES...AND WHY THOSE MARSHLANDS NEAR NEWARK... NOW BEAR HER NAME.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED... FLIGHT OF FANCY IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA TODAY .. WHERE A BIRD RESCUE GROUP RELEASED DOZENS OF BROWN PELICANS BACK INTOTHE WILD.EXPERTS THINK WEIRD WEATHER PATTERNS MAY HAVE SHIFTED THEIR FOOD SOURCE, BECAUSE HUNDREDS OF STARVING BIRDS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO THE SAN PEDRO CENTER IN RECENT WEEKS.THERE ARE ALSO QUESTIONS AS TO WHETER THIER THEIRFEATHERS HAVE BEEN CONTAMINTATED, MAKING THEM LESS WATERPROOF.TODAY' RELEASE WILL ENABLE THE RESCUE GROUP TO TAKE IN MORE BIRDS WHO NEED TREATMENT.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...
WHERE'S THE STIMULUS? U.S. REPRESENTATIVE BARBARA LEE WAS IN OAKLAND TODAY - FOR A BUS TOUR HIGHLIGHTING HOW STIMULUS FUNDS HAVE BENEFITED THE COMMUNITY.LEE KICKED OFF THE EVENT BY CONGRATULATING ALL THOSE BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS THAT ARE BETTER OFF DUE TO RECOVERY ACT FUNDS.OVER 600 MILLION DOLLARS HAVE FLOODED INTO THE NINTH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT IN THE LAST YEAR -- MORE THAN ALMOST EVERY OTHER DISTRICT IN THE STATE. YET LEE SAYS SHE KNOWS THE AMOUNT IS STILL NOT ENOUGH... AFTER ADDRESSING THE CROWD, LEE INVITED EVERYONE ON BOARD AN EMISSIONS FREE A-C TRANSIT BUS - FOR A SHORT TOUR OF SOME OF THE PLACES PUTTING STIMULUS FUNDS TO GOOD USE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/810 REPORTED... MOTHBALL MEMO FIRESTORM...A NEW MEMO SHOWS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT KNEW TOXIC PAINT WAS FALLING OFF THE MOTHBALL FLEET MORE THAN A DECADE BEFORE A JUDGE RULED IT SHOULD BE CLEANED UP.THE VALLEJO TIMES REPORTS A MARITIME ASSOCIATION MEMO FROM 1997 SAID CLEANING UP THE AGING FLEET IN THE SUISUN BAY WAS "ESSENTIAL."BUT NO CLEANUP TOOK PLACE UNTIL IT WAS ORDERED.STUDIES SINCE THEN HAVE FOUND 21-TONS OF PAINT LOADED WITH LEAD HAS FALLEN INTO THE BAY... AND 66-TONS OF PAINT REMAIN ON THE SHIPS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/810 REPORTED... WHEN YOU THINK OF SAN FRANCISCO LANDMARKS... YOU PROBABLY WOULDN'T PICTURE THE OLD PRESIDIO PUBLIC HEALTH HOSPITAL. BUILT IN 1932, THE OLD BUILDING PRESENTED A GRAND FACADE TO THE PRESIDIO'S SOUTHERN EDGE. BUT LIKE MUCH OF SAN FRANCISO... THE HOSPITAL HAD A WILD RIDE. IN THE 50s, MENACING SIX STORY WINGS WERE ADDED. IN THE 80s... IT CLOSED UP SHOP AND FELL INTO DISREPAIR. BUT THANKS TO DEVELOPERS... THE HOSPITAL... NOW CALLED PRESIDIO LANDMARK... IS RETURNING TO ITS GLORY DAYS. LAST YEAR, THE WINGS CAME DOWN. AND NOW LUXURY... IS GOING IN. DEVELOPER FOREST CITY IS CONVERTING THE 220-THOUSAND SOUARE FOOTBUILDING INTO 154 UPSCALE APARTMENTS... WITH VIEWS TO DIE FOR.CREWS HAD TO REPLACE...700 WINDOWS. 20-THOUSAND BRICKS... UPDATE SYSTEMS... AND SPRUCE UP PERIOD DETAILS... THE WORK IS PART OF A LARGER EFFORT TO BREATHE LIFE BACK INTO THE OLD MILITARY BUILDINGS THAT DOT THE PRESIDIO. AS FOREST CITY'S ALEXA ARENA EXPLAINS. THE RESTORATION WAS DESIGNED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF ITS WOODED CORNER OF THE NATIONAL PARK. RENTERS WILL START MOVING INTO THE MODERNIZED APARTMENTS LATER THIS SUMMER. AS THE OLD HOSPITAL MAKES READY FOR ITS SECOND CHANCE... TO SERVE AGAIN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/10 REPORTED...IN THE SOUTH BAY, SAN JOSE'S MAYOR IS ASKING CITY WORKERS TO MAKE MORE SACRIFICES. THREE MONTHS AFTER GETTING A FIVE-PERCENT REDUCTION IN THE AVERAGE COST PER EMPLOYEE, IN TODAY'S STATE OF THE CITY ADDRESS, MAYOR CHUCK REED SAID THAT'S NOT ENOUGH. WITH A PROJECTED BUDGET DEFICIT OF 100-MILLION DOLLARS, THE MAYOR ISN'T PROPOSING NEW SPENDING. HE DOES WANT TO FOCUS REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS ON GENERATING REVENUES AND JOBS. HE ALSO DEFENDED THE CITY'S POLICE DEPARTMENT, DISCOURAGING GENERALIZATIONS FROM CRITICS ABOUT POLICE OFFICERS' USE OF FORCE. THE MAYOR'S DETERMINATION TO KEEP SAN JOSE'S CLIMATE BUSINESS-FRIENDLY WAS PERSONIFIED BY THE MAN WHO INTRODUCED HIM TODAY -- LEW WOLFF-- CO-OWNER OF THE OAKLAND A'S AND THE SAN JOSE EARTHQUAKES SOCCER TEAM. BRINGING THE A'S TO SAN JOSE IS AN UNOFFICIAL ITEM ON THE MAYOR'S AGENDA.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...
IF ANYBODY KNOWS HOW HARD IT IS TO KICK CIGARETTES.... IT'S
WILLIAM TUCKER.IT'S NOT THAT HE'S AMBIVILENT TOWARD THE RISKS...
OR THAT HE WANTS TO OFFEND ANYONE....WHAT BOTHERS TUCKER... IS
THAT THE PLACES WHERE HE'S ALLOWED TO SMOKE HAVE BECOME

FEWER AND FEWER. TODAY A SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTEE CONSIDERED LEGISLATION THAT WOULD MAKE TUCKER'S SMOKING AREA... A LITTLE SMALLER. THE LEGISLATION WOULD BAN SMOKING IN A-T-M LINES, RESTAURANT PATIOS... OWNER OPERATED BARS... AND COMMON AREAS OF MULTI-UNIT BUILDINGS. CAROL MCGRUDER OF COMMUNITES UNDER SEIGE SAYS THE NEW ORDINANCE WOULD TAKE SAN FRANCISCO'S CURRENT SMOKING POLICIES... TO THE NEXT HEALTHY STEP. THE ORDINANCE WOULD STILL ALLOW SMOKING IN SOME TOBACCO SHOPS... AND RESTAURANTS WITH EXISTING SMOKING ROOMS. BUT SOME SMOKERS THINK THE NEW LAWS GO TOO FAR. TUCKER SAYS HE'LL RESPECT THE CITY'S LAWS... UNTIL HE FINALLY JOINS THE RANKS OF THOSE... WHO DON'T SMOKE AT ALL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED... JUST ONE YEAR AGO, MAIMUNAH JAFER WASN'T ABLE TO WALK, LET ALONE CLIMB STEPS OR DRIVE A CAR.JAFER HAD A STROKE. SHE WAS JUST 31 YEARS OLD WHEN IT HAPPENED. DOCTORS BELIEVE IT WAS THE RESULT OF COMPLICATIONS FROM HER FERTILITY TREATMENTS. PHYSICAL THERAPIST CARLA BOUMA SAID SHE HAD HOPE FOR JAFER. BESIDES BEING YOUNG AND MOTIVATED, SHE HAD A NEW DEVICE THAT COULD HELP HER GAIN BACK HER STRENGTH OUICKLY.BIONESS IS A DEVICE THAT USES TWO ELECTRODES -- ONE GOES OVER THE CENTER OF A MUSCLE AND THE OTHER OVER THE NERVE USED TO STIMULATE IT OR MAKE IT WORK. A SEPARATE SENSOR THEN DETECTS WHEN WEIGHT IS BEING PUT ON THAT MUSCLE WHICH SIGNALS THE ELECTRODES TO FIRE.BIONESS CAN BE USED AS A THERAPY DEVICE. PATIENTS USE IT DURING EXERCISE -EVENTUALLY THEY CAN WEAR IT ALL THE TIME TO HELP THEM DO THINGS LIKE WALK OR MOVE THEIR ARMS.FOR JAFER, SHE USES IT ON HER LEGS AND ARMS TO HELP HER WALK, USE HER HANDS AND SIMPLY TO LIVE HER LIFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED...
A NEW STUDY SHOWS TAKING ANTIDEPRESSANTS AFTER SUFFERING A
STROKE MAY HELP PATIENTS RECOVER MORE OF THEIR
MEMORY.RESEARCHERS AT THE UNIVERSITY OF IOWA SPLIT OVER 100
STROKE SURVIVORS INTO THREE GROUPS.
ONE GROUP TOOK A PROBLEM SOLVING CLASS, ANOTHER GROUP TOOK A
PLACEBO PILL, AND THE THIRD GROUP TOOK THE ANTIDEPRESSANT
"LEXAPRO" FOR 12 WEEKS.THOSE WHO TOOK THE ANTIDEPRESSANT
SCORED HIGHER ON COGNITIVE AND MEMORY TESTS.LEXAPRO BELONGS
TO A CLASS OF DRUGS CALLED S-S-R-Is.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/1/10 REPORTED... IF THE AIDS DOESNT KILL YOU ... THE MEDS MIGHT. ONE OF THE FIRST DRUGS EVER USED IN THE FIGHT AGAINST H-I-V, COULD CAUSE FATAL SIDE EFFECTS. THE F-D-A ANNOUNCED TODAY, THE DRUG DIDANOSINE, HAS BEEN FOUND - ON RARE OCCASSIONS - TO PRODUCE A POTENTIALY

FATAL LIVER DISEASE IN PATIENTS TAKING IT FOR LONG PERIODS. DIDANOSINE, MARKETED UNDER THE BRAND NAMES VIDEX AND VIDEX-EC, WAS APPROVED BY THE FDA IN 1991, JOINING A-Z-T AS THE ONLY DRUGS THEN APPROVED TO TREAT H-I-V.SINCE THEN, THE FDA HAS RECEIVED 42 REPORTS OF A RARE DISORDER CALLED NON-CIRRHOTIC PORTAL HYPERTENSION.THE FDA CONCLUDED THAT THE BENEFITS OF THE DRUG OUTWEIGH THE RISK, BUT IS STRENGTHENING THE PACKAGE WARNING LABEL.RESEARCHERS ARE PLANNING MORE STUDIES TO SEE IF THE ENTIRE CLASS HAS THE SAME BENEFITS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/5/10 REPORTED...
PUTTING PROFIT BEFORE PEOPLE?THE LARGEST FOR-PROFIT HEALTH
INSURANCE COMPANY IN THE STATE ... IS DRAMATICALLY--SOME SAY
OBSCENELY RAISING IT'S RATES.ANTHEM BLUE CROSS IS TELLING
CUSTOMERS WITH PRIVATE POLICIES,--NOT GROUP POLICIES -- IT WILL
RAISE THEIR PREMIUMS BY AS MUCH AS 39-PERCENT, BEGINNING MARCH
FIRST.THE INCREASE, INVOLVES AS MANY AS 800-THOUSAND
CUSTOMERS.ANTHEM BLUE CROSS BLAMES THE INCREASES ON RISING
HEALTH CARE COSTS.STATE INSURANCE REGULATORS SAY THEY PLAN
TO INVESTIGATE THE RATE HIKES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED... COOKIES, CAKES, AND OTHER SUGAR-LADEN TREATS WERE BEING SNAPPED UP WITH ENTHUSIASM ON THE CAPITOL'S NORTH LAWN.. This is all made by members or members' staff...BUT THIS IS NO SIMPLE FUNDRAISER. IT'S THE LATEST SIGN OF BUDGETARY DISTRESS IN CALIFORNIA...Donna Sanderson, Susan G. Komen Foundation: I know the governor had a garage sale, we're not gonna solve all of our problems with a garage sale either. But a bake sale speaks particularly from the heart..IN THIS CASE, THERE IS HEARTBURN. FEMALE LAWMAKERS ARE FURIOUS ABOUT WHAT'S HAPPENING TO A CRITICAL CANCER SCREENING PROGRAM. Noreen Evans (D), Santa Rosa Assembly Member: Instead of fighting to protect life saving mammograms, our governor is throwing women out of the lifeboat first...ADVOCATES ARE LIVID ABOUT AN ENROLLMENT FREEZE THAT TOOK EFFECT JANUARY FIRST..AND NEW RULES THAT EXCLUDE WOMEN IN THEIR 40'S.THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE STRONGLY DISPUTES THAT HE'S SLASHING A PROGRAM THAT'S FUNDED WITH TOBACCO SALES.. LAWMAKERS SAY THEY EXPECTED THE GOVERNOR TO COME UP WITH A FUNDING ALTERNATIVE, WHICH HASN'T HAPPENED YET. THE BOTTOM LINE..SERVICES TO UP TO 100-THOUSAND WOMEN MAY BE DELAYED OR OUTRIGHT DENIED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...
THIS WAS A HUGE STUDY. RESEARCHERS STUDIED EVERY BIRTH IN
CALIFORNIA DURING THE 1990'S... THATS NEARLY FIVE MILLION
BABIES.RE FOCUSING ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL THEORY BUT THEY ARE
ALSO LOOKING INTO THE ROLE FERTILITY TREATMENTS MAY PLAY IN

INCREASED RISK..OLDER MATERNAL AGE COULDN'T EXPLAIN ALL AUTISM CASES -- IN FACT, RESEARCHERS ESTIMATE THAT ONLY ABOUT 5-PERCENT OF THE 600-PERCENT INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF AUTISM CASES IN CALIFORNIA COULD BE ATTRIBUTED TO WOMEN WAITING UNTIL THEY WERE OLDER TO HAVE CHILDREN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...
IF YOU SIT NEXT TO A SMOKER...YOU KNOW YOU'RE ALSO GETTING A
DOSE OF SECOND HAND SMOKE... DANGERS ARE WELL
DOCUMENTED.BUT WHAT ABOUT THIRD HAND SMOKE?.THATS WHAT'S
LEFT HANGING AROUND AFTER THE SMOKE CLEARS.
BURNING TOBACCO RELEASES NICOTINE INTO THE AIR, AND EXPERTS
SAY IT CLINGS TO FURNITURE, CARPET, AND YOUR CLOTHING FOR DAYS,
WEEKS -- EVEN MONTHS. BUT IT GETS WORSE...RESEARCHERS SAY WHEN
THIRDHAND SMOKE REACTS WITH INDOOR AIR POLLUTANTS --LIKE
UNVENTED GAS FIREPLACES OR HEATERS...IT CAN FORM
CARCINOGENS.YOUNG CHILDREN ARE MOST AT RISK BECAUSE THEY'RE
MORE LIKELY TO BE ON THE FLOOR....BREATHING IN THESE CANCER
CAUSING POLLUTANTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED... SOME SOLANO COUNTY PARENTS RIGHT NOW ARE GETTING DETAILS ABOUT AN ACTIVE CASE OF TUBERCULOSIS AT THEIR CHILDREN'S SCHOOL. THE INFORMATIONAL MEETING IS BEING HELD AT DAVID WEIR ELEMENTARY, ON PENNSYLVANIA AVENUE. NEITHER THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT OR THE SCHOOL WILL SAY WHETHER THE PATIENT IS ONE OF THE STUDENTS. T-B SKIN TESTS WILL BE OFFERED NEXT TUESDAY. PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICIALS WILL THEN -- IF NECESSARY-PROVIDE ANTIBIOTICS TO THOSE WHO NEED THEM. HEALTH EXPERTS SAY THERE'S NO LONGER A RISK OF INFECTION, AND STUDENTS SHOULD NOT BE KEPT HOME FROM SCHOOL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED... GREAT NEWS JUST IN TIME FOR VALENTINE'S DAY:ETING CHOCOLATE MAY CHIP AWAY AT YOUR RISK OF HAVING A STROKE, AND INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF RECOVERY IF YOU 'DO' HAVE A STROKE.A NEW STUDY FINDS PEOPLE WHO EAT ONE SERVING OF CHOCOLATE A WEEK, ARE 22-PERCENT LESS LIKELY TO SUFFER A STROKE, THAN PEOPLE WHO DON'T EAT ANY CHOCOLATE. ANOTHER STUDY LINKS INDULGING IN CHOCOLATE WEEKLY, WITH A LOWERED RISK FOR DYING AFTER HAVING A STROKE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED... WE'RE FOLLOWING BREAKING NEWS OUT OF NEW YORK ON THE CONDITION OF PRESIDENT BILL CLINTON. JUST MOMENTS AGO THE DOCTOR TREATING HIM UPDATED HIS CONDITION. YOU'LL REMEMBER PRESIDENT CLINTON DID HAVE QUADRUPLE BYPASS SURGERY BACK IN

20-04.BY ALL ACCOUNTS HE SEEMS TO BE DOING WELL TONIGHT. WE'RE TOLD HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO RESUMING HIS RELIEF WORK IN HAITI. CLINTON IS 63 YEARS OLD.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED... AND, A SECURITY WARNING TONIGHT ...AFTER A FORMER ARMY COMPUTER SPECIALIST WAS ABLE TO BREAK INTO A CHIP THAT PROTECTS DATA INSIDE PERSONAL COMPUTERS .. BECAUSE THESE CHIPS ARE USED TO ENCRYPT, OR SCRAMBLE, THE DATA, THE FACT THAT THEY CAN BE HACKED IS CAUSING SECURITY EXPERTS TO WORRY .. AND YOU CAN BET SILICON VALLEY SECURITY COMPANIES ARE LOOKING INTO HOW TO 'INCREASE' SECURITY .. TO KEEP YOUR SURFING SAFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/7/10 REPORTED... EMERGENCY WORKERS IN CONNECTICUT ARE SEARCHING FOR SURVIVORS AFTER AN EXPLOSION AT A POWER PLANT.SOME WITNESSES SAY THE EXPLOSION WAS SO LOUD IT SOUNDED LIKE A SONIC BOOM, AND SO POWERFUL IT SHOOK HOUSES 10 MILES AWAY.THE BLAST KILLED FIVE PEOPLE, AND INJURED AT LEAST A DOZEN MORE. INVESTIGATORS ANNOUNCED JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO THAT EVERYONE IS NOW ACCOUNTED FOR, BUT CREWS ARE STILL SEARCHING THE RUBBLE, JUST IN CASE. ABOUT 50 WORKERS FROM SEVERAL DIFFERENT CONTRACTERS WERE IN THE SECTION OF THE PLANT THAT EXPLODED, CREATING CONFUSION AS CO-WORKERS AND FAMILY CONVERGED ON THE SCENE, DESPERATE FOR INFORMATION.THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED DURING A TEST OF NATUAL GAS LINES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED... INNOCENT DO GOODERS OR CHILD TRAFFICKERS? FIVE DETAINED AMERICANS ACCUSED OF KIDNAPPING 33 CHILDREN IN HAITI APPEARED IN FRONT OF A JUDGE TODAY. TONIGHT, THEY ARE BACK IN JAIL, AND LEADER LAURA SILSBY SAYS SHE IS TRUSTING GOD TO RELEASE AND EXONERATE THEM FROM ALL CHARGES. THE TEN AMERICANS WERE ARRESTED AT HAITI'S BORDER WITH THE DOMINICAN REPUBLIC FOR TRYING TO TAKE THE CHILDREN OUT OF THE COUNTRY WITHOUT THE PROPER DOCUMENTATION. A MAGISTRATE HAS CHARGED THEM WITH CHILD KIDNAPPING AND CRIMINAL ASSOCIATION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED... AS IF THE SITUATION IN HAITI ISN'T BAD ENOUGH, THERE'S WORD FROM THE UNITED NATIONS THAT COUNTERFITTERS HAVE STARTED MAKING FAKE TICKETS USED TO GET FOOD. THERE HAVE ALREADY BEEN RIOTS WHERE U-N TROOPS HAD TO HOLD PEOPLE BACK, AT FOOD AID DROP OFFS. THIS BLACK MARKET FOR TICKETS HAS FORCED THE U-N TO TRY

AND CHANGE THE COLOR OF THE TICKETS ON A DAILY BASIS, BUT PROBLEMS STILL EXIST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/8/10 REPORTED...
HE HAD NO BOARDING PASS, AND NO BAGGAGE, BUT THAT DIDN'T STOP A MAN FROM WALKING THROUGH THE SCREENING AREA OF THE DETROIT AIRPORT TODAY. THAT MOVE FORCED THE THE EVACUATION OF THE AIRPORT THIS MORNING. "KAYLAN POLICHERLA" HE WAS LATER ARRESTED AFTER POLICE HAD TO USE A STUN GUN TO SUBDUE HIM. THIS INCIDENT FOLLOWS HEIGHTENED SECURITY AFTER A MAN TRIED TO IGNITE A BOMB ON A CHRISTMAS DAY FLIGHT AT THAT SAME AIRPORT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/10/10 REPORTED CALIFORNIA'S PLANS TO RELEASE INMATES FROM ITS OVER-CROWDED JAILS IS ON HOLD TONIGHT. A SACRAMENTO COUNTY JUDGE HAS TEMPORARILY BLOCKED PART OF THE PLAN, WHICH STARTED JUST LAST MONTH. HE RULED TODAY THE STATE'S EARLY RELEASE LAW APPLIES ONLY TO STATE PRISON INMATES, NOT THOSE HELD IN COUNTY JAILS. SACRAMENTO COUNTY'S DEPUTY SHERIFFS' ASSOCIATION SUED LAST WEEK TO STOP THE LOCAL RELEASES, AFTER A COUNTY PRISONER WAS ARRESTED FOR ATTEMPTED RAPE HOURS AFTER WALKING FREE.THE JUDGE SET A HEARING FOR MARCH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/11/10 REPORTED...
THE BAY AREA SOLDIER WHO REFUSED TO DEPLOY LAST YEAR BEACUSE SHE HAD NO ONE TO CARE FOR HER SON WILL BE DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY. ARMY SPECIALIST ALEXIS HUTCHINSON WAS ARRESTED IN NOVEMBER AFTER SKIPPING HER UNIT'S DEPLOYMENT TO AFGHANISTAN. THE 21 YEAR OLD FROM OAKLAND SAID SHE COULDN'T LEAVE BECAUSE HER MOTHER BACKED OUT OF PLANS TO CARE FOR HER 13 MONTH OLD SON. HUTCHINSON CHALLENGED THE COURT MARSHALL, HUTCHINSON WILL BE GRANTED AN ADMINISTRATIVE DISCHARGE AND WILL NOT FACE CRIMINAL CHARGES.

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NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/10 REPORTED...

FLIGHT 741 WAS SUPPOSED TO LAND AT S-F-O JUST A FEW MINUTES AGO - A FULL SEVEN-HOURS LATER THAN SCHEDULED. THE FLIGHT FROM DENVER WAS DIVERTED TO SALT LAKE CITY THIS MORNING WHEN A FLIGHT ATTENDANT FOUND THREATENING NOTE IN THE PLANE'S GALLEY. ONCE ON THE GROUND IN SALT LAKE CITY, SECURITY TEAMS SPENT HOURS SCOURING THE PLANE FOR EVIDENCE, AND BOMB-SNIFFING DOGS WENT OVER EVERY PASSENGER'S LUGGAGE. SO FAR -- ALL INDICATIONS ARE THE NOTE WAS A HOAX.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 2/18/10 REPORTED... SPEAKING OF WELL-KNOWN ATHLETES .. A WARNING TONIGHT ABOUT COMPUTER VIRUSES, DISGUISED AS OLYMPIC-RELATED E-MAILS.SILICON VALLEY SECURITY COMPANY MCAFEE SAYS HACKERS ARE TRYING TO SCAM THEIR WAY INTO YOUR COMPUTER BY SENDING E-MAILS THAT CLAIM TO BE ABOUT OLYMPIC ATHLETES.

THEY SAY THE "MOST DANGEROUS OLYMPIANS" TO LOOK OUT FOR, INCLUDE AMERICAN SPEED SKATERS JENNIFER RODRIQUEZ AND SASHA COHEN, AND JAPANESE SPEED SKATER SAYURI OSUGA. BEST ADVICE? IF YOU'RE NOT 100 PERCENT SURE ABOUT WHAT'S IN THE E-MAIL, JUST DELETE IT.

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BUSINESS & INDUSTRY, EMPLOYMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/08/10 REPORTED... WEED WARS ARE HEADED TO DALY CITY. THE CITY COUNCIL IS DEBATING A TEMPORARY BAN ON MEDICAL MARIJUANA DISPENSARIES. DALY CITY HAS RECEIVED AROUND TEN INQUIRIES FROM POTENTIAL APPLICANTS IN THE PAST YEAR. NOW, CITY COUNCIL IS DECIDING WHETHER TO PLACE A 45-DAY MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT OF DISPENSARIES. THE MAYOR SAYS THAT WOULD GIVE CITY OFFICIALS TIME TO RESEARCH THE ISSUES THAT GROW FROM POT DISPENSARIES. SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, SAN BRUNO AND REDWOOD CITY HAVE ALREADY PLACED TEMPORARY BANS ON THE ESTABLISHMENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/10 REPORTED...
A SHUTDOWN SETTLEMENT:NUMMI AND THE "UNITED AUTO WORKERS"
UNION HAVE REACHED A TENTATIVE AGREEMENT TO CLOSE THE
FREMONT AUTO PLANT.UNION OFFICIALS EXPECT A VOTE ON THE
AGREEMENT LATER THIS WEEK, AND WILL RELEASE DETAILS OF THE
PLAN ONCE IT'S BEEN RATIFIED BY WORKERS.THE STATE'S LAST
REMAINING CAR ASSEMBLY PLANT EMPLOYS 46-HUNDRED PEOPLE.
TOYOTA MOTOR CORP SAYS IT WILL PAY 250-MILLION DOLLARS TO ALL
SALARIED AND HOURLY EMPLOYEES----WHO WILL LOSE THEIR JOBS WHEN
THE PLANT CLOSES APRIL FIRST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/10 REPORTED...

14 OF THE 24 TEACHERS HERE AT CREEKSIDE ELEMENTARY HAVE
LEARNED THEIR DAYS HERE MAY BE NUMBERED. THE BRAND NEW
SCHOOL JUST OPENED LAST FALL...WITH A STAFF MADE UP OF A LOT OF
NEW HIRES...AND THOUGH THEY'VE HAD A GREAT FIRST YEAR, THEY MAY
NOT HAVE THE SENIORITY TO STAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/10 REPORTED... IT WAS A *PINK PROTEST* TODAY IN SOUTHEAST SAN JOSE, AS TEACHERS FROM THE EVERGREEN SCHOOL DISTRICT WAVED SIGNS AND WORE PINK CLOTHING.SOME SPORTED PINK ARMBANDS.THE PROTEST WAS PROMPTED BY WORD THAT UP TO A-THIRD OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICTS TEACHERS ARE GETTING PINK SLIPS. THE 22-THOUSAND PINK SLIPS HANDED OUT STATE-WIDE TODAY ARE ON TOP OF THE 16-THOUSAND LAID-OFF LAST YEAR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/10 REPORTED... THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, MEANWHILE, WANTS ALL AMERICANS TO HAVE HIGH-SPEED INTERNET CONNECTIONS .. THE FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION IS ROLLING OUT A PLAN TO OVERHAUL THE NATION'S BROADBAND POLICY .. GIVING US FASTER, AND MORE, ACCESS .. AN EARLY QUESTION MARK? HOW TO FUND THE FCC'S PLAN .. WE'LL KEEP YOU POSTED.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/22/10 REPORTED...
THE PATH TO A MORE WEALTHY RWANDA .THANKS TO A SMALL NON-PROFIT, THAT WANTS TO MAKE SURE YOUR NEXT CUP OF COFFEE .. IS PART OF THE FAIR TRADE MOVEMENT.TRANSFAIR USA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THIS SYMBOL .. SHOWING THAT WHOEVER MADE THE PRODUCT WAS PAID A FAIR WAGE, AND GOT A FAIR PRICE FOR THEIR WORK. IT'S A CRUCIAL PART OF THE GROWING "FAIR TRADE" MOVEMENT .. BRINGING COMMERCE WITH A CAUSE TO YOUR FAVORITE COFFEESHOP .. AND A BETTER DEAL TO FARMERS ALL OVER THE WORLD. ITS LATEST GOAL .. HELPING FARMERS IN RWANDA .. THEY'RE MAKING AND SELLING COFFEE AND THANKS IN PART TO TRANSFAIR USA .. ARE REAPING NEW REWARDS.FOR EXAMPLE, WHILE JUST 40 PERCENT OF KIDS IN RWANDA CAN TYPICALLY AFFORD TO GO TO SCHOOL .. 90 PERCENT OF THOSE FROM FAIR TRADE CO-OPS GO TO SCHOOL.THINK OF IT AS COFFEE THAT "TASTES' GOOD .. WHILE IT 'DOES' GOOD.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/22/10 REPORTED...
THE NATION WOKE TODAY... TO THE BEGINNING OF NEW ERA IN
MANDATED HEALTH COVERAGE. BUT SAN FRANCISCO RESTAURANT
OWNER DAN SCHEROTTER... HAS ALREADY BEEN ON THIS ROAD A WHILE.
SEVERAL YEARS BACK, SAN FRANCISCO PASSED ITS OWN VERSION OF
UNIVERSAL HEALTH COVERAGE. THE PLAN REQUIRED BUSINESSES WITH

MORE THAN 20 EMPLOYEES... TO SHOULDER SOME OF THE COSTS OF THEIR EMPLOYEES' HEALTHCARE. BUT RESTAURANTEURS LIKE SCHEROTTER... THINK THE CITY'S PLAN IS TOO EXPENSIVE. BUT MANY RESTAURANT OWNERS ARE NOW EXPRESSING OPTIMISM OVER PRESIDENT OBAMA'S HEALTHCARE REFORM... WHICH THEY SAY IS CHEAPER THAN SAN FRANCISCO'S COVERAGE. SAN FRANCISCO MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM SAYS THE CITY IS POURING OVER THE DETAILS OF THE FEDERAL PLAN.. TO MAKE SURE IT DOESN'T CONFLICT WITH THE HEALTHY SAN FRANCISCO INITIATIVE. SAN FRANCISCO RESTAURANT OWNERS SUED THE CITY OVER ITS PLAN... CLAIMING IT DOESN'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO FORCE EMPLOYERS TO PAY HEALTH COVERAGE. THE CASE IS PENDING BEFORE THE U-S SUPREME COURT. BUT NEWSOM SAYS HE HOPES SAN FRANCISCO'S PLAN WILL CONTINUE. HE BELIEVES IT'S NOW A MODEL... THE REST OF THE NATION WILL FOLLOW.

CONSUMER ISSUES

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED...
FED UP WITH FARE HIKES, ROUTE CUTS, AND DETERIORATING
SERVICE...RIDERS ARE AT THIS HOUR "MARCHING AGAINST MUNI"...
CALLING FOR A BOYCOTT OF THE TRANIST SYSTEM. HUNDREDS OF
PEOPLE KICKED OFF THE MONTH LONG PROTEST WITH A MARCH DOWN
MARKET STREET TO CITY HALL ABOUT AN HOUR AGO. THE ORGANIZING
GROUP IS DEMANDING A HALT TO SERVICE CUTS, OVERCROWDED BUSES,
AND RUDE DRIVERS. ORGANIZERS SAY THEY WILL NOT BUY A FAST PASS
FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH AND WILL USE OTHER FORMS OF
TRANSPORTATION INSTEAD.CHILDREN, YOUTH, FAMILY, ELDERLY, MEN &
WOMEN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED...
NEW POLL SHOWS VOTERS IN SANTA CLARA ARE SPLIT ON WHETHER TO
O-K A NEW STADIUM FOR THE 49ERS 45 PERCENT OF VOTERS APPROVE
SPENDING REDEVELOPMENT FUNDS TO HELP BUILD THE STADIUM. AND 45
PERCENT ARE AGAINST. THE LINDHOLM RESEARCH COMPANY OUT OF
OREGON CONDUCTED THE POLL. VOTERS WILL DECIDE IN JUNE WHETHER
TO MOVE AHEAD WITH THE PROJECT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED AS YOU KNOW VALLEJO IS BANKRUPT..PLASTIC PVC PIPES RUN UNDER ABOUT 1/2 TO A THIRD OF THE CITY'S STREETS AND SUBDIVISIONS...WHILE THE WATER DIVISION DOES HAVE SOME MONEY SET ASIDE FOR EMERGENCIES...THEY WORRY POTENTIAL PIPE PROBLEMS COULD DRAIN THOSE FUNDS QUICKLY...this is a JM pipe it will not go into the ground anymore given the current state of litigation...Vallejo's water superintendent is extremely worried much of the city's undeground PVC water pipes could be a ticking time bomb ready to burst. if it breaks now we have to fix it and that's a very scary thought given fixing the pipe is incredbly expensive...it's a huge problem."And he's got reason to worry...a whistle

blower lawsuit claims JM Eagle, the world largest manufacturer of PVC pipes has been producing substandard products since 19-96 to save money...

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 10/10 REPORTED... THERE IS HISTORY IN THE WALLS AND DOORWAYS OF THE TENDERLOIN. BENEATH A GRITTY EXTERIOR... ARE THE ORNATE TOUCHES OF A GLORIOUS PAST. CECIL BAKER MOVED INTO THE TENDERLOIN'S AMBASSADOR HOTEL IN THE EIGHTIES... A BUILDING WITH ITS OWN HISTORY. IT WAS BUILT ON THE SITE OF THE TIVOLI OPERA HOUSE... WHICH WAS DESTROYED IN THE 1906 QUAKE. BEFORE A NON-PROFIT DEVELOPER RESTORED THE HOTEL SEVERAL YEARS AGO ... IT HAD FALLEN ON THE SAME HARD TIMES AS THE REST OF THE AREA. BUT NOW RESIDENTS ARE BEAMING ABOUT THE BUILDING'S GRAND PAST. TODAY MAYOR GAVIN NEWSOM HUNG A PLAQUE OUT FRONT COMEMORATING THAT HISTORY. THE CITY IS HANGING SIMILAR PLAQUES ON MORE THAN 380 HISTORIC TENDERLOIN BUILDINGS, WHICH WAS RECENTLY ADDED TO THE NATIONAL HISTORIC REGISTER. THEY'RE INTENDED TO BRING A NEW SPARK TO THE CHANGING NEIGHBORHOOD. LONGTIME TENDERLOIN RESIDENT LARRY EDMOND SAYS HE LIKES THE NEW SPIRIT OF THE LOIN.THE CITY HOPES THE HISTORICAL DESIGNATION WILL EVENTUALLY DRAW TOURISTS AND BUSINESSES TO THE AREA. BAKER HOPES OUTSIDERS WILL THEN SEE THE SAME BUILDINGS HE SEES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 10/10 REPORTED TRAVELERS AT MINETA SAN JOSE INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT WILL BE SAYING ALOHA TO NEW OPTIONS FOR FLYING TO HAWAII.ALASKA AIRLINES WILL BE OFFERING NEW, NON-STOP SERVICE TO MAUI AND KONA ON THE BIG ISLAND.STARTING TOMORROW, THE AIRLINE WILL OFFER THREE WEEKLY FLIGHTS TO MAUI ON TUESDAYS, THURSDAYS, AND SUNDAYS.-AND STARTING ON FRIDAY, THERE WILL BE FLIGHTS TO KONA ON MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, FRIDAYS AND SATURDAYS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED... FELONY CHARGES FOR FAKE LANDLORDS: A STATE LAWMAKER INTRODUCED A BILL TODAY, TO MAKE RENT FRAUD.. PUNISHABLE BY A YEAR IN PRISON. THE BILL IS SCHEDULED FOR ITS FIRST COMMITTEE HEARING NEXT WEEK.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/10 REPORTED... MAJOR CHANGES ARE IN STORE FOR AC TRANSIT RIDERS. THE BUS AGENCY IS GEARING UP FOR AN EIGHT PERCENT SERVICE CUT, TO TRY AND OFFSET A 57-MILLION DOLLAR DEFICIT NEXT YEAR. STARTING MARCH 28TH, AC TRANSIT WILL CUT SERVICE ON 108 OF ITS 113 LINES ACROSS THE EAST BAY. MANY OF THE LINES WILL NOW HAVE SHORTER ROUTES, SEVERAL OF WHICH WILL RUN LESS FREQUENTLY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED...
FROM A BABY TO A MAN....FAMILY AND FRIENDS WHO KNEW POLICE
SERGEANT DANIEL SAKAI KNEW HE LOVED SERVING HIS COMMUNITY AS
AN OAKLAND POLICE OFFICER.HE WAS A DEDICATED OFFICER, SON,
FATHER, FRIEND AND HUSBAND. IT'S BEEN A YEAR AND THOSE WHO
WORKED WITH HIM SAY THEY WILL NEVER GET OVER THE FACT THAT HE
WAS GUNNED DOWN IN A HAIL OF BULLETS, PUTTING HIS LIFE ON THE
LINE TO SAVE OTHERS.ON MARCH 21, 2009, SGT. SAKAI AND THREE OTHER
OAKLAND POLICE OFFICERS WERE SHOT AND KILLED DURING A
CONFRONTED WITH A WANTED PAROLEE. TODAY, POLICE OFFICERS,
FAMILY AND FRIENDS GATHERED AT THE CASTRO VALLEY CENTER FOR
THE ARTS TO RENAME A PORTION OF 580 NOW KNOWN AS THE DANIEL
SAKAI MEMORIAL FREEWAY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED... THE E-P-A IS WORKING TO TIGHTEN WATER RULES TO ELIMINATE CARCINOGENS IN DRINKING WATER. STRICTER LIMITS TO KEEP 4-CANCER CAUSING COMPOUNDS OUT OF THE TAP ARE ON THE WAY. TWO OF THE CHEMICALS ARE USED AS INDUSTRIAL COMPOUNDS AND CAN SEEP INTO DRINKING WATER THROUGH GROUNDWATER. THE OTHER TWO CAN BE INTRODUCED DURING WATER TREATMENT. JACKSON SAYS THE NEW RESTRICTIONS WILL BE IN PLACE WITHIN A YEAR.

CRIMES-FEDERAL/STATE/LOCAL, LAW & LAW ENFORCEMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/01/10 REPORTED... AN AUSTRALIAN MOTHER OF TWO FALLS IN LOVE WITH A MAN FROM SAN FRANCISCO. THEY GET MARRIED IN APRIL OF LAST YEAR. THE LAW SAYS THEY HAVE THREE MONTHS TO GET THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS TOGETHER. BUT THEY RUN INTO PROBLEMS. THE WOMAN'S 13 YEAR OLD SON GETS IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW AND THAT'S JUST ONE THING THAT PUTS THEIR LEGAL STATUS IN JEAPARDY.BUT THAT'S WHAT GOT THE BALL ROLLING DOWN THE ROAD OF DEPORTATION. THIS 13 YEAR OLD IS ACCUSED TO BEING INVOLVED IN A BULLYING INCIDENT WHERE HE ALLEGEDLY TOOK 46 CENTS FROM ANOTHER STUDENT. THE INCIDENT LANDED HIM IN JUVENILE HALL AND HIS IMMIGRATION STATUS PUT HIS FAMILY UNDER THE SPOTLIGHT. CHARLES WASHINGTON IS DESPERATELY TRYING TO HOLD HIS FAMILY TOGETHER.HE MET HIS WIFE TRACEY SEVEN YEARS AGO. THEY GOT MARRIED LAST SPRING.HE SAYS THEY CALLED AN 800 NUMBER TO ASK IMMIGRATION HOW TO TAKE CARE OF HIS WIFE'S STATUS.WASHINGTON SAYS HE WAS GIVEN BAD INFORMATION THE ACTUAL DEADLINE IS 90 DAYS.WE CONTACTED U.S. IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOM ENFORCEMENT OR ICE....SPOKESPERSON LORI HALEY SAYS THE MOTHER AND SONARE PENDING DEPORTATION BECAUSE THEY OVER STAYED THEIR VISAS." BUT THE SON IS FACING DEPORTATION AS WELL BECAUSE HE IS CHARGED WITH A FELONY. THAT RULE FALLS UNDER SAN

FRANCISCO'S SANCTUARY LAW THAT STATES ALL ILLEGAL IMMIGRANT YOUTH WHO ARE ARRESTED ON SUSPICION OF A FELONY ARE RELEASED TO FEDERAL AUTHORITIES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED...
THE D-A CALLS IT'S MAJOR BLOW AGAINST GANGS IN SAN FRANCISCO.
AFTER A THREE-MONTH GRAND JURY INVESTIGATION, NINE MEMBERS OF A SAN FRANCISCO STREET GANG WERE INDICTED TODAY IN THREE MURDERS.DISTRICT ATTORNEY KAMALA HARRIS SAYS THE GANG CONTROLS A SECTION OF THE CITY'S SOUTHERN BAYVIEW DISTRICT.THE INDICTMENTS ALLEGE THAT THE NINE MALE GANG MEMBERS AND A FEMALE ACCOMPLICE ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE THREE ILLINGS.THE 10 DEFENDANTS RANGE IN AGE FROM 19 TO 25. LL ARE ACCUSED IN THE URDER LAST JULY OF 28-YEAR-OLD DELVON FIELDS, THE 2006 MURDER OF 21-YEAR-OLD LLOYD RANDLESTON AND AND 2008 ROBBERY AND MURDER OF 48-YEAR-OLD GREGORY CHAPMAN. THE DEFENDANTS WILL BE ARRAIGNED TOMORROW.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/01/10 REPORTED...
BEATING DEMOCRAT JERRY BROWN TO THE PUNCH, REPUBLICAN STEVE
POIZNER FILED HIS PAPERS TODAY DECLARING THAT HE IS A CANDIDATE
FOR GOVERNOR. POIZNER TURNED-IN HIS PAPERS AT THE SANTA CLARA
COUNTY REGISTRAR'S OFFICE, THEN MET WITH A SMALL GROUP OF
SUPPORTERS.POIZNER, CALIFORNIA'S INSURANCE COMMISSIONER,
INSISTED TWICE THAT HE IS THE TRUE REPUBLICAN CONSERVATIVE IN
THE RACE, AND CRITICIZED THE ATTACK ADS BEING RUN BY CANDIDATE
MEG WHITMAN. AS TO WHITMAN'S EXPERIENCE AS A SILICON VALLEY
C-E-O....POIZNER SAYS HE WILL NOT BE RUNNING A NEGATIVE CAMPAIGN

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 09/10 REPORTED...

A SEX OFFENDER, AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, AND A LAW THAT CAN'T KEEP THEM APART -- IS CREATING SOME PUBLIC OUTCRY IN PIEDMONT.BUT THE CONTROVERSY -- MAY BE ENDING.71-YEAR-OLD JAMES DONNELY HAS BEEN LIVING WITH HIS SISTER ACROSS THE STREET FROM A PIEDMONT SCHOOL, SINCE HIS RELEASE FROM PRISON LAST MONTH.HE WAS CONVICTED OF POSSESSION OF CHILD PORN BACK IN 20-05.PIEDMONT POLICE HOPED TO FORCE DONNELY TO MOVE UNDER "JESSICA'S LAW."BUT BECAUSE HE WAS CONVICTED UNDER FEDERAL LAW, LOCAL POLICE DON'T HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO DO THAT..TONIGHT, DONNELY SAYS HE PLANS TO MOVE WITHIN THE NEXT COUPLE WEEKS, AND HAS VOLUNTEERED TO WEAR AN ANKLE BRACELET SO HE CAN BE MONITERED BY POLICE.THEY RUN RED LIGHTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED THEY MAKE ILLEGAL TURNS AND THEY SPEED. THESE CAMERAS THAT HAVE BEEN SET UP HERE SINCE AUGUST HAVE BEEN ABLE TO DOCUMENT SOME OF THAT BAD DRIVING. IN THE LAST FEW MONTHS...DARRYL

REMIGIO HAS RECEIVED TWO \$446 TICKETS FOR RUNNING RED LIGHTS...EACH WITH A SNAP SHOT OF HIM BEHIND THE WHEEL ATTACHED.REMIGIO'S PARENTS TOOK THE KEYS TO HIS CAR AWAY FROM HIM.MORE THAN 6,000 PEOPLE RECEIVED TICKETS FOR RUNNING RED LIGHTS AT THE INTERSECTIONS OF HICKEY BOULEVARD AND EL CAMINO REAL AND WESTBOROUGH BOULEVARD AND EL CAMINO REAL BETWEEN WHEN THESE CAMERAS IN AUGUST UNTIL THE END OF JANUARY. NOW THE CITY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO IS GIVING MILLIONS BACK TO DRIVERS BECAUSE IT TURNS OUT THAT THESE CAMERAS NEVER GOT THE OFFICIAL OKAY TO START TAKING PICTURES. THE CITY COUNCIL NEVER ACTUALLY RATIFIED THE CONTRACT FOR THE RED LIGHT CAMERA PROGRAM.NO MATTER HOW MANY TIMES WE ASKED HOW THIS HAPPENED AND WHETHER THIS VOTE HAPPENED TO FALL THROUGH THE CRACKS... THE CITY ATTORNEY WOULDN'T EXPLAIN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED
THE F-B-I IS NOW HELPING MEXICO'S ATTORNEY GENERAL INVESTIGATE
THE WEEKEND KILLING OF THREE PEOPLE -- INCLUDING AN AMERICAN
COUPLE WITH TIES TO THE U-S CONSULATE IN THE STATE OF JUAREZ
(HOOAH-rez).A DRUG GANG IS BELIEVED TO BE BEHIND THE AMBUSH OF
TWO CARS.NOW THE STATE DEPARTMENT UPDATED ITS TRAVEL
WARNING IN MEXICO...ALERTING AMERICAN TOURISTS TO THE GROWING
VIOLENCE ALONG BORDER TOWNS.STUDENTS AT SAN JOSE STATE SAY
THE DRUG WARS AND THE ECONOMY ARE WHY THEY'RE STAYING IN THE
U-S FOR SPRING BREAK THIS YEAR. BUT THE MEXICAN CONSUL GENERAL
IN SAN JOSE INSISTS THE MEXICAN RESORT TOWNS REMAIN SAFE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/10 REPORTED THE CONSUL GENERAL SAYS THE ALERT IS NOT NEW, JUST AN UPDATE TO THE SAME ALERT THAT'S BEEN IN PLACE FOR YEARS.THE ADMINISTRATION AT SAN JOSE STATE SAYS IT WILL NOT ISSUE IT'S OWN TRAVEL ALERT TO STUDENTS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15/10 REPORTED THE OWNER OF A SACRAMENTO CAR WASH IS GETTING "CLEANED OUT" BY THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE. FEDERAL TAX AGENTS STOPPED BY THE BUSINESS LAST WEEK TO HAND-DELIVER A NOTE INFORMING THE OWNER HE OWED THE I-R-S A GRAND TOTAL OF FOUR-CENTS FROM A 2006 TAX BILL. PUBLISHED REPORTS SAY WITH INTEREST AND PENALTIES, THAT FOUR-CENT OVERDUE BILL NOW IS NOW 202-DOLLARS. THE OWNER HAS CLAIMED HE WAS NEVER NOTIFIED ABOUT THAT FOUR-PENNY PROBLEM UNTIL THE AGENTS SHOWED UP AT HIS DOOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED POLICE ARE HOLDING A SAN JOSE MAN IN HAWAII- HE'S SUSPECTED OF KILLING A WOMAN ALSO FROM SAN JOSE.52-YEAR-OLD KAREN CELAYA

DIED SATURDAY AFTER FALLING FROM A HOTEL BALCONY IN KAILUA-KONA ON THE BIG ISLAND. HAWAII COUNTY POLICE HAVE LAUNCHED A MURDER INVESTIGATION. THEY ARE HOLDING 58-YEAR-OLD WILLIAM BRILL. POLICE ARRESTED BRILL AFTER GUESTS TOLD THEM THEY HEARD AN ARGUMENT COMING FROM THE ROOM HE AND CELAYA WERE INRIGHT BEFORE SHE FELL.

DIVERSITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED... JOHN PEREZ TOOK-OVER THE GAVEL AS ASSEMBLY SPEAKER HE'S A DEMOCRAT FROM LOS ANGELES. AS THE STATE TRIES TO CLOSE A 20-BILLION-DOLLAR BUDGET GAP, PEREZ FAVORS STREAMLINING THE BUDGET PROCESS SO that spending plans COULD BE APPROVED BY A SIMPLE MAJORITY VOTE, INSTEAD OF TWO-THIRDS.HE ALSO TOOK AIM AT ONE KIND OF TECHNOLOGY. PEREZ SAYS HE'LL PROMOTE BIPARTISANSHIP BY APPOINTING TWO REPUBLICANS TO SERVE AS CHAIRS OF ASSEMBLY COMMITTEES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 0810 REPORTED...
ULTRA CONSERVATIVE STATE SENATOR ROY ASHBURN CONFIRMED
TODAY THAT HE'S GAY.THE ANNOUNCEMENT FOLLOWS HIS ARREST LAST
WEEK FOR DRUNK DRIVING... AND REPORTS THAT HE HAD BEEN SEEN
LEAVING A POPULAR SACRAMENTO GAY BAR.
NBC BAY AREAS KEVIN RIGGS HAS THE LATEST FROM THE STATE
CAPITOL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 10/10 REPORTED
A SAN FRANCISCO CENTER SERVING THE L-G-B-T- COMMUNITY IS ASKING
THE CITY FOR A LOAN TO KEEP ITS DOORS OPEN.THE 12 MILLION DOLLAR
CENTER AT THE INTERSECTION OF MARKET AND OCTAVIA STREETS
OPENED EIGHT YEARS AGO WITH THE HELP OF CITY SUBSIDIES.
SUPERVISORS DAVID CAMPOS AND BEVAN DUFTY ARE NOW MAKING A
PUSH TO HELP THE CENTER GET A 157 THOUSAND DOLLAR LOAN.
THE CENTER WOULD BE EXPECTED TO RE-PAY THAT LOAN .. PLUS
INTEREST.. OVER THE NEXT 5 YEARS.THE NON PROFIT CENTER OFFERS JOB
TRAINING, COUNSELING AND H-I-V- PREVENTION COURSES. HUNDREDS
SUPPORTERS OF TIBET ORGANIZED A DAY OF ACTION IN THE BAY AREA
TODAY, INSTIGATING ONE OF MANY DEMONSTRATIONS ACROSS THE
WORLD TO REMEMBER THE 51ST ANNIVERSARY OF THE TIBETAN
UPRISING AGAINST CHINA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 10/10
REPORTED...THE PEACEFUL RALLY STARTED AT JUSTIN HERMAN PLAZA,
BEFORE IT MOVED TO CITY HALL. THE EVENT COMMENMORATES THE 1959
REBELLION AGAINST CHINESE OCCUPATION IN TIBET. ORGANIZERS SAY
DESPITE GLOBAL SUPPORT FOR TIBET'S FREEDOM, THE PEOPLE CONTINUE

TO BE SUPRESSED BY THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT. MORE THAN A THOUSAND NATIVE TIBETAN REFUGEES NOW LIVE IN THE BAY AREA.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 10/10 REPORTED THE LOCAL LEGACY OF CIVIL RIGHTS LEADER CESAR CHAVEZ WILL NOW BE MORE VISIBLE. THE CITY OF SAN JOSE AND THE CHAVEZ FAMILY UNVEILED NEW STREET SIGNS IDENTIFYING THE SIGNIFICANCE OF CERTAIN LOCAL LANDMARKS. THE CESAR CHAVEZ MEMORIAL WALKWAY WILL HIGHLIGHT PLACES WHERE CHAVEZ WAS A FIXTURE, INCLUDING OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE CHURCH, AND THE MEXICAN HERITAGE PLAZA. THE PLAZA ACTUALLY SITS ON THE GROUNDS OF A FORMER SAFEWAY STORE ON ALUM ROCK AVENUE, WHERE CHAVEZ STAGED ONE OF HIS FIRST MAJOR BOYCOTTS. CESAR CHAVEZ HELPED FORM THE FIRST UNION FOR FARMWORKERS. HE DIED IN 1993 OF NATURAL CAUSES. A STATE HOLIDAY IS CELEBRATED IN HIS HONOR ON MARCH 31ST.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 10/10 REPORTED THE SIXTIES WERE A REVOLUTIONARY TIME IN AMERICA'S RACIAL STRUGGLE. AT THE CENTER OF THAT REVOLUTION... WAS OAKLAND'S BLACK PANTHERS. THE RADICAL GROUP WAS FOUNDED TO FIGHT FOR POWER FOR AFRICAN AMERICANS. BUT WHAT MANY *DON'T* KNOW... IS ONE OF ITS FOUNDING MEMBERS... WAS JAPANESE. SIX YEARS AGO, BEN WANG AND MIKE CHENG WERE WRITING AN ARTICLE ON ASIAN ISSUES FOR THEIR COLLEGE NEWSPAPER. THAT'S WHEN THEY HEARD THE STORY OF A BLACK PANTHER NAMED RICHARD AOKI. THE ARTICLE... TURNED INTO A DOCUMENTARY FILM. THE FLEDGLING FILMMAKERS SPENT FIVE YEARS INTERVIEWING AOKI... AND OTHER BLACK PANTHERS. THEY LEARNED AOKI SPENT HIS CHILDHOOD IN A JAPANESE INTERNMENT CAMP BEFORE MOVING TO OAKLAND.HE BECAME ACTIVE IN SOCIAL STRUGGLES... INCLUDING U-C BERKELEY'S THIRD WORLD LIBERATION STRIKE. CHENG AND WANG BECAME CLOSE TO AOKI.

HE DIED ONE YEAR AGO TODAY... BUT REMAINED ACTIVE TO THE END. THE FILMMAKERS SAY AOKI'S STORY STANDS AS A BRIDGE BETWEEN CULTURES AND GENERATIONS. ... A LESSON THAT RACIAL HARMONY... BEGINS IN THE SOUL.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 24/10 REPORTED...
THE LEGAL FATE OF GAY MARRIAGE STILL HANGS IN THE BALANCE ...BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME EVER MORE CALIFORNIANS SAY THEY SUPPORT GAY MARRIAGE THAN OPPOSED A POLL RELEASED TONIGHT BY THE PUBLIC POLICY INSTITUTE OF CALIFORNIA FOUND A RECORD HIGH --- 50 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIANS-- SAY THEY BACK GAY MARRIAGE, COMPARED TO 45 PERCENT WHO OPPOSE IT .IT COMES ON THE EVE OF A MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT FROM DEFENSE SECRETARY, ROBERT GATES ON THE MILITARY'S DON'T ASK, DON'T TELL POLICY.TOMORROW, HE WILL ANNOUNCE THE MILITARY IS RELAXING THE RULES TO ALLOW FOR A

QUOTE - MORE HUMANITARIAN APPROACH TO THE WAY THE POLICY IS ENFORCED BY NO LONGER INVESTIGATING ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS. THE MOVE IS MEANT AS A TEMPORARY MEASURE UNTIL CONGRESS OVERTURNS THE BAN ON GAYS IN THE MILITARY.

EDUCATION

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED... SEVERAL HUNDRED STUDENTS AND SUPPORTERS FROM U-C CAMPUSES ACROSS THE STATE, MARCHED TO THE STATE CAPITOL THIS AFTERNOON.THIS IS ONE OF SEVERAL EVENTS LEADING UP TO A 'NATIONAL DAY OF ACTION FOR PUBLIC EDUCATION,' THIS THURSDAY.. WHEN RALLIES, MARCHES AND CLASS WALK-OUTS ARE PLANNED. THE STUDENTS SAY, THEY'VE HAD ENOUGH.BUT THESE STUDENTS SAY BIG BUDGET CUTS HAVE CREATED CRUSHING TUITION AND FEE HIKES.FORCING SOME STUDENTS TO DROP OUT..OTHERS LOCKED OUT FROM A HIGHER EDUCATION ALTOGETHER. STUDENTS BALK AT THE RESPONSE THAT THERE ISN'T ANY MORE MONEY FOR HIGHER EDUCATION IN THE EMBATTLED BUDGET PROCESS.SEVERAL LAWMAKERS JOINED THE CROWD OUTSIDE, SPEAKING TO THE STUDENTS.ASSEMBLYMAN ALBERTO TORRICO WANTS AN EXTRACTION FEE ON OIL COMPANIES, TO RAISE BILLIONS FOR EDUCATION.HE'S ASKING STUDENTS TO SIGN PETITIONS SUPPORTING THE BILL. ASSEMBLYMAN TORRICO SAYS THESE STUDENTS ARE THE STATE'S FUTURE. THE STUDENTS HOPE HIS COLLEAGUES IN THE LEGISLATURE, HEAR THEM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED... IMAGINE SPENDING 40-HOURS - THE EQUIVALENT OF A FULL WORKWEEK -IN LINE, WAITING TO GET YOUR KIDS IN THE RIGHT SCHOOL NOT A PRIVATE SCHOOL, BUT THE SCHOOL IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD.NBC BAY AREA'S KRIS SANCHEZ FOUND PARENTS IN BELMONT WHO SPENT THEIR FULL WEEKEND DOING JUST THAT.DON GERSKIS THOUGHT CAMPING OUT IN LINE WAS SOMETHING YOU DID FOR CONCERT TICKETS.. BUT NOW THAT HE'S A DAD. 40-HOURS IN LINE. SLEEPING IN A TENT WAS ALL TO GET HIS 4-1/2 YEAR OLD AIDEN INTO KINDERGARTEN AT THEIR NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL...WHICH WILL THEN ALMOST WHEN HE ARRIVED AT NOON ON SATURDAY, HE WASN'T THE FIRST IN LINE.MANY OF THESE PARENTS WAITING AT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MOVED INTO THE BELMONT-REDWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT SPECIFICALLY FOR THE SCHOOLS.BUT THE DISTRICT'S EXPERIENCING AN ENROLLMENT BOOM... AND MAY GET ANOTHER 500 STUDENTS IN THE NEXT FEW YEARS.IT MAY SEEM CRAZY. BUT MOST OF THE THESE PARENTS SAY IT'S WORTH IT. WHEN THE SCHOOL OPENED THE DOORS TO PROCESS THE HOPEFUL FAMILIES, EVERYONE WHO WAITED GOT IN.THE PRINCIPAL WISHES PARENTS WOULDN'T CAMP OUT, BUT CAN'T FORBID IT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/01/10 REPORTED...DOZENS OF SAN FRANCISCO TEACHERS SPENT THE MORNING TRYING TO EDUCATE PARENTS.THEY HANDED OUT FLIERS TO SHOW THE POTENTIAL IMPACT OF MASSIVE BUDGET CUTS ON KIDS. THE SCHOOL DISTRICT FACES A 113-MILLION-DOLLAR FINANCIAL SHORTFALL.PROTESTS LIKE THIS ONE COME AHEAD OF A MEGA-MARCH PLANNED FOR THIS THURSDAY.THE SO-CALLED *STATEWIDE DAY OF ACTION* WILL PROTEST BUDGET CUTS ON ALL LEVELS, LAYOFFS AND MOUNTING TUTION HIKES AT U-C SCHOOLS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 08/10 REPORTED OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL IS CONCORD IS ON THAT LIST...TONIGHT THOSE UNDERPERFORMING SCHOOLS ARE BEING ASKED TO MAKE TOUGH DECISIONS AND MAKE THEM QUICKLY....THEIR OPTIONS:-REPLACE THE PRINCIPAL AND HALF OF THE STAFF INCREASE INSTRUCTIONAL TIME AND IMPROVE TEACHING RE-OPEN AS A CHARTER SCHOOL OR CLOSE ALL TOGETHER....THEY ARE TOUGH CHOICES...BUT SCHOOLS ON THE LIST ARE TRYING NOT TO PANIC SOME SAY THEY BELIEVE THEY'RE ALREADY ON THE RIGHT PATH....

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED
TWO OTHER BAY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE ALSO CONSIDERING
SHORTENING THE SCHOOL YEAR. SAN FRANCISCO SCHOOL DISTRICT MAY
ELIMINATE AS MANY AS FOUR SCHOOL DAYS... SAN JOSE UNIFIED SCHOOL
DISTRICT HAS ALREDY AGREED WITH THE TEACHERS UNION TO CUT ONE
WEEK FROM THE SCHOOL YEAR. THE MT DIABLO DISTRICT MUST STILL
COME TO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE TEACHERS... THEY NOT ONLY WANT
TO ELIMINATE ONE WEEK OF INSTRUCTION BUT ALSO CUT 2 STAFF
DEVELOPMENT DAYS... TEACHERS ARE LOOKING AT LOSING 7 DAYS OF
WORK TOTAL. TEACHERS WILL BE MEETING HERE WITH PARENTS ABOUT
THE BUDGET PROBLEMS TONIGHT AT 6:45 PM....

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 18/10 REPORTED SOUTH BAY COMMUNITY COLLEGE STUDENTS GOT AN EARLY START TODAY, BOARDING BUSES BEFORE DAWN TO GET TO A RALLY AGAINST MORE FUNDING CUTS TO HIGHER EDUCATION. THE STUDENTS FROM EVERGREEN COLLEGE IN SAN JOSE AND FOOTHILL COLLEGE IN LOS ALTOS BEGAN THEIR JOURNEY AT 5:00 AM TO GET TO THE STATE CAPITOL.

ENVIRONMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED... HIGH SURF - AND HIGH DRAMA RETURNS TO PACIFICA AS A NEW CLIFF BEGINS TO CRUMBLE. THE OWNER OF THE PACIFIC SKIES ESTATES MOBILE HOME PARK SAYS A STORM SYSTEM HAS BEEN SENDING HUGE WAVES CRASHING OVER THE SEA WALL, HITTING THE HOUSES. SEVERAL HOMES ON THE PROPERTY HAVE BEEN BOARDED UP. OVER THE WEEKEND, PART OF THE ASPHALT ON FOURTH AVENUE BEGAN TO COLLAPSE. PACIFIC SKIES ESTATE IS LOCATED LESS THAN A MILE SOUTH OF ESPLANADE AVENUE, WHERE DOZENS OF PEOPLE HAVE BEEN EVACUATED BECAUSE APARTMENTS THERE ARE SITTING DANGEROUSLY CLOSE TO A CRUMBLING CLIFFSIDE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED... PLANNING IS UNDERWAY TO REDESIGN A STRETCH OF PROPERTY IN OAKLAND WHERE THE BAY BRIDGE TOUCHES DOWN. IT WILL BE CALLED "GATEWAY PARK" AND ITS OPENING IS TIMED WITH THE DEBUT OF THE BRIDGE'S NEW EASTERN SPAN IN 20-13. PROJECT ORGANIZERS HOPE TO GET A CONCEPT FOR THE PARK IN PLACE BY THIS FALL.RIGHT NOW THE 1.5-MILE-LONG STRIP IS CURRENTLY HOME TO SCATTERED BUILDINGS AND MAINTENANCE YARDS JUST ACROSS A SMALL CHANNEL FROM THE PORT OF OAKLAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED A HEARING TODAY ON THE STATUS OF THE REDEVELOPMENT OF TREASURE ISLAND. A BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COMMITTEE HEARD AN UPDATE ON THE DEAL WITH THE U-S NAVY TO ACQUIRE THE LAND, AS WELL AS SOME NEW DESIGN PLANS. THOSE PLANS CALL FOR CHANGES TO THE WIDTH OF 60-STORY TOWERS, PLANNED FOR THE ISLAND. THE TOWERS ARE PART OF THE PROJECT THAT INCLUDES 6-THOUSAND HOMES, THREE HOTELS AND A TOWN CENTER. THE PROJECT IS EXPECTED TO TAKE 10-TO 20-YEARS TO FINISH.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED A REPORT OUT TONIGHT CONCLUDES THAT MORE THAN A HUNDRED NEGLECTED BUILDINGS ON CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY CAMPUSES ARE UNFIT -- AND WON'T WITHSTAND AN EARTHQUAKE. THE CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM APPOINTED A SEISMIC REVIEW BOARD IN THE EARLY 90'S TO IDENTIFY POSSIBLE HAZARDOUS STRUCTURES. MORE THAN 180 PUBLIC UNIVERSITY BUILDINGS IN CALIFORNIA HAVE BEEN DETERMINED TO BE TOO DANGEROUS TO OCCUPY DURING A MAJOR EARTHQUAKE. INCLUDED ON THAT LIST, THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING AND THE LIBRARY AT CAL STATE EAST BAY. OFFICIALS THERE SAY THEY ARE IN THE PROCESS OF BUILDING NEW STRUCTURES AND MAKING EXISTING BUILDINGS SAFE, BUT RESOURCES ARE LIMITED. RETROFITTING THE TWO BUILDINGS ON THE HAYWARD CAMPUS IS COSTING MILLIONS.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED KEEP YOUR BUTTS OFF THE BEACH...CIGARRTE BUTTS.A MEASURE TO BAN SMOKING AT ALL STATE BEACHES AND PARKS- COULD BE FLARING UP AGAIN IN THE ASSEMBLY. THE ASSEMBLY DEFEATED A SENATE BILL PROPOSING THE BAN LAST THURSDAY.IT FELL 5-VOTES SHORT.THE BILL'S SPONSOR SAYS SHE THINKS THE VOTES WILL BE THERE WHEN THE BILL IS RECONSIDERED.AND SUPPORTERS LIKE FREMONT ASSEMBLYMAN ALBERTO TORRICO SAY THE BAN MAKES SENSE.OPPONENTS OF THE PROPOSED BAN SAY IT WOULD BE HARD TO ENFORCE- AND IS UNFAIR TO SMOKERS WHO DO NOT LITTER.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED A LARGE SLICE OF CALIFORNIA WILDERNESS COULD BE NAMED A NATIONAL MONUMENT. THE AREA COVERS SIX COUNTIES, AND INCLUDES SUCH LANDMARKS AS LAKE BERRYESSA.... SNOW MOUNTAIN IN THE MENDOCINO NATIONAL FOREST, THE BODIE HILLS IN MONO COUNTY, AND THE MODOC PLATEAU UP NEAR ALTURAS IN MODOC COUNTY. THE HALF-MILLION ACRE AREA IS CALLED THE *BERRYESSA SNOW MOUNTAIN NATIONAL CONSERVATION AREA.* THE INTERIOR DEPARTMENT HAS INCLUDED THE AREA ON A LIST OF PROPOSED NATIONAL MONUMENTS.

GOVERNMENT

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED FIGHTING CITY HALL.A DAY BEFORE THE SAN FRANCISCO BOARD OF SUPERVISORS INTRODUCES A SO-CALLED "SIT-LIE" ORDINANCE, SEVERAL HOMELESS AND NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS RALLIED TODAY IN OPPOSITION.MERCHANTS COMPLAIN THAT HOMELESS PEOPLE SITTING OR LYING ON SIDEWALKS ARE BECOMING MORE AGGRESSIVE WITH SHOPPERS AND PEDESTRIANS. THAT PROVOKED SUPERVISORS TO CRAFT A PROPOSAL.BUT NOT EVERYONE AGREES THAT'S SUCH A GREAT IDEA. A BOARD COMMITTEE HELD A PUBLIC HEARING TODAY TO DISCUSS THE PROPOSAL.POLICE CHIEF GEORGE GASCON SAYS A NEW LAW WOULD BE USEFUL IN PREVENTING HARASSMENT OF PEDESTRIANS OUTSIDE BUSINESSES.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/01/10 REPORTED A STATE TAX CREDIT PROVIDING UP TO 10-THOUSAND-DOLLARS FOR FIRST-TIME HOMEBUYERS EXPIRES TODAY.WITH A GLUT OF UNSOLD CONDOS IN SAN FRANCISCO, REALTORS WANT STATE LEGISLATORS TO EXTEND THE TAX INCENTIVE TO LIFT THE CITY FROM ITS SLUMP.THE INCENTIVE EXPIRING TODAY BEGAN LAST MARCH, BOOSTING CONDO SALES IN SAN FRANCISCO.IN THE LAST YEAR, CALIFORNIA SUNK 100 MILLION DOLLARS INTO THE INCENTIVE TO JUMP-START THE HOUSING MARKET. GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER WANTS THE

LEGISLATURE TO ADD ANOTHER 200 MILLION DOLLARS TO THE PLAN TO STRENGTHEN THE MARKET EVEN MORE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15//10 REPORTED HELP FOR ALL CALIFORNIA HOMEBUYERS:THAT WAS THE FOCUS OF GOVERNOR ARNOLD SCHWARZENEGGER'S VISIT TO SALINAS TODAY. THE GOVERNOR SPOKE ABOUT HIS PROPOSED HOMEBUYER TAX CREDIT. HIS PLAN WOULD EXTEND AND EXPAND A 10-THOUSAND DOLLAR CREDIT THAT HAS PREVIOUSLY ONLY BEEN AVAILABLE TO FIRST TIME HOMEBUYERS, PURCHASING NEW HOMES. THE NEW MEASURE INCLUDES NEW AND EXISTING HOMES, AND APPLIES TO ALL HOME BUYERS. THE PLAN IS PART OF THE GOVERNOR'S "CALIFORNIA JOBS" INITIATIVE. THE GOVERNOR'S OFFICE ESTIMATES THE INITIATIVE WILL CREATE OR RETAIN AT LEAST 100-THOUSAND JOBS IN THE STATE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/15//10 REPORTED THE COUNT IS ON THESE FORMS ARE HEADED TO HOUSEHOLDS ACROSS AMERICA FOR A ONCE IN A DECADE POPULATION COUNT. THOSE WHO DON'T SEND IT BACK WILL LIKELY GET A VISIT FROM A CENSUS TAKER. THIS YEAR SEVERAL STATES STAND TO GAIN AT LEAST ONE U.S. HOUSE SEAT BECAUSE OF POPULATION GROWTH. THE CENSUS ALSO HELPS DETERMINE HOW TO DISTRIBUTE MORE THAN 400 BILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL AID. THE FORM IS ONE OF THE SHORTEST IN HISTORY-----10 QUESTIONS, 10 MINUTES TO COMPLETE, TO BE MAILED BACK BY APRIL FIRST. NO STAMP REQUIRED IN THE LAST CENSUS IN 2000 ... 73-PERCENT OF CALIFORNIANS FILLED OUT THE QUESTIONNAIRE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15//10 REPORTED FROM EMERGENCY SERVICES TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION....400 BILLION DOLLARS IN FEDERAL FUNDS ARE AT STAKE AS THE NATION COUNTS ITS POPULATION.AND IT ALL DEPENDS ON THIS CENSUS FORM WHICH HAS STARTED ARRIVING IN THE MAIL...10 EASY QUESTIONS THAT ASK ABOUT NAMES, GENDER, AGE, RACE, AND WHETHER YOU RENT OR OWN YOUR HOME.THOSE CENSUS NUMBERS WILL DETERMINE HOW CITIES AND STATES DIVIDE FEDERAL FUNDS...FOR INSTANCE, HOW MUCH FUNDING WILL BUS SERVICE RECEIVE IN STOCKTON.THE CENSUS BUREAU IS ASKING PEOPLE TO RETURN THE COMPLETE FORM BEFORE APRIL 1ST AND SOME ALREADY HAVE.WHEN PEOPLE DON'T RETURN THE CENSUS FORM, A CENSUS TAKER WILL COME TO THE HOME AND KNOCK ON THE DOOR AND HAVE THEM FILL OUT THE FORM, BUT IT COSTS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT 25 DOLLARS FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD THAT DOESN'T RETURN THAT FORM.THAT'S SOMETHING TO COUNT ON.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15//10 REPORTED THE ONCE INFLUENTIAL COMMUNITY ACTIVIST GROUP ACORN -- SAYS IT'S FOLDING AMID FALLING REVENUE.. THE ANNOUNCEMENT COMES JUST SIX MONTHS AFTER A VIDEO SURFACED SHOWING ACORN

EMPLOYEES GIVING TAX TIPS TO A COUPLE POSING AS A PIMP AND A PROSTITUTE. ACORN DREW STRONG CRITICISM FROM THE RIGHT AND LOST SIGNIFICANT FEDERAL FUNDING IN THE FALLOUT. ACORN OFFICES IN CALIFORNIA HAVE BROKEN OFF TO FORM NEW COMMUNITY GROUP CALLED THE ALLIANCE OF CALIFORNIANS FOR COMMUNITY EMPOWERMENT, OR "ACE."BUT THE GROUP IS STILL TRYING TO AVOID THE ACORN STIGMA. ACORN PLANS TO HAVE ITS REMAINING OFFICES CLOSED BY APRIL FIRST.

HEALTH/NUTRITION & DISEASE

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 08//10 REPORTED THE WATER BOTTLE IS A WORKOUT STAPLE -- AND CERTAINLY A GOOD DRINK FOR THOSE WHO ARE TRYING TO MAINTAIN A SLENDER FIGURE.BUT ACCORDING TO NEW RESEARCH -- WOMEN MAY GAIN LESS WEIGHT OVER TIME... IF THEY TURN THAT WATER.. INTO WINE.DR. LU WANG FROM BRIGHAM & WOMEN'S HOSPITAL IN BOSTON FOLLOWED NEARLY 20-THOUSAND HEALTHY, MIDDLE AGED AND OLDER WOMEN. SOME WEIGHT GAIN WAS TYPICAL OVER THE 13-YEAR STUDY PERIOD.BUT WOMEN WHO STARTED WITH A NORMAL WEIGHT WERE LESS LIKELY TO GAIN EXTRA POUNDS IF THEY DRANK LIGHT TO MODERATE AMOUNTS OF ALCOHOL.THAT MEANS NO MORE THAN 2 TO 3 SERVINGS OF BEER OR WINE EACH DAY. THE LINK WAS STRONGEST FOR RED WINE. WHILE IT'S TRUE THESE WOMEN HAD HEALTHY LIFESTYLES OVERALL -- THERE SEEMS TO BE SOMETHING ABOUT THE ALCOHOL ITSELF. WOMEN WHO DIDN'T DRINK ANY GAINED THE MOST WEIGHT.AND RATHER THAN BREAK BREAD WITH THEIR WINE -- MODERATE DRINKERS ALSO TENDED TO EAT SMALLER PORTIONS -- CUTTING OUT CARBS IN PARTICULAR. THE BOTTOM LINE? FOR HEALTHY WOMEN WHO ALREADY HAVE A GLASS OR TWO WITH DINNER -- AND IF EXERCISE IS ALSO A HABIT -- A LITTLE TIPPLE COULD HELP TIP THE SCALES IN YOUR FAVOR.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 08/10 REPORTED WITH OUR GREAT WEATHER, MAYBE IT'S A BIT EASIER TO BE HEALTHY HERE IN THE BAY AREA.WE DID WELL IN A NEW OBESITY STUDY.TWO CITIES IN COLORADO-- FORT COLLINS AND BOULDER-- TOPPED THE LIST, MADE BY THE GALLUP ORGANIZATION.BUT THIRD WAS THE CITY OF SANTA CRUZ.SAN JOSE WAS NUMBER FOUR, AND SAN FRANCISCO ROUNDS OUT THE TOP FIVE.RESIDENTS OF THESE CITIES REPORT THEY EAT MORE FRUITS AND VEGETABLES AND EXERCISE REGULARLY.TOPPING THE MOST OBESE CITIES...MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA..FOLLOWED BY STOCKTON AND VISALIA, THEN YORK, PENNSYLVANIA AND FLINT, MICHIGAN.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 10/10 REPORTED THE DAZZLING SPECIAL EFFECTS IN SO MANY OF THE NEW 3-D MOVIES ARE A BIG DRAW AT THE BOX OFFICE.BUT FOR SOME, THE *D* IN THREE-D STANDS FOR DIZZINESS! STUDIES HAVE SHOWN THAT MORE THAN HALF OF THE POPULATION HAS DIFFICULTY EXPERIENCING 3-D MOVIES BECAUSE OF POOR BINOCULAR VISION SKILLS THE "UP" SIDE OF THAT-PARDON THE PUN-- IS THAT MANY PEOPLE FIND OUT FOR THE FIRST TIME THAT THEY HAVE A VISION PROBLEM!

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED A SKIN CANCER EPIDEMIC:CASES OF NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCER ARE RISING RAPIDLY IN THE U.S. THE NUMBER OF AMERICANS TREATED FOR THE CANCER INCREASED 14-POINT-3 PERCENT FROM 20-02 TO 20-06 THAT'S ACCORDING TO A STUDY OF MEDICARE CLAIMS PUBLISHED TODAY IN THE ARCHIVES OF DERMTOLOGY. THE RESEARCHERS ESTIMATE THERE WERE MORE THAN 3-POINT-5 MILLION NON-MELANOMA SKIN CANCERS IN THE U.S. IN 20-06. THESE SKIN CANCERS ARE LESS DEADLY THAN MELANOMA, BUT DOCTORS STILL RECOMMEND THEY BE TREATED IMMEDIATELY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED MEN WHO SUFFER FROM ERECTILE DYSFUNCTION MAY HAVE BIGGER PROBLEMS THAN BEDROOM BLUES. A NEW GERMAN STUDY SUGGESTS MEN WITH E-D *AND* HEART PROBLEMS HAVE DOUBLE THE RISK OF DEATH.THEY ARE ALSO AT AN INCREASED RISK OF HAVING A HEART ATTACK, STROKE, AND HEART FAILURE.RESEARCHERS SAY MEN WITH E-D SHOULD BE CONSIDERED HIGH RISK FOR HEART DISEASE AND SHOULD BE REFERRED TO A CARDIOLOGIST FOR TREATMENT.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED WARNING TO CRIMINALS: RUBBING OUT YOUR FINGERPRINTS MAY NO LONGER BE ENOUGH. YOUR GERMS COULD STILL GIVE YOU AWAY.IT TURNS OUT THE COLONIES OF BACTERIA THAT LIVE ON PEOPLE'S HANDS ARE HIGHLY PERSONAL TO EACH INDIVIDUAL.THAT MEANS FORENSIC EXPERTS COULD ONE DAY USE THOSE BACTERIA TO PROVE WHO HAD TOUCHED AN OBJECT.UNIVERSITY OF COLORADORESEARCHERS SAY THEIR WORK WAS BETWEEN 70 AND 90-PERCENT ACCURATE. AND THEY EXPECT WITH MORE WORK, IT WILL ONLY GET BETTER.THE BILL NOW HEADS TO PRESIDENT OBAMA'S DESK, WHO SAYS HE WILL SIGN IT INTO LAW TOMORROW.TO DEMOCRATS, IT REPRESENTS THE END OF A BITTER BATTLE ON CAPITOL HILL FOR THE PRESIDENT. .NOW, HE MUST SELL IT TO THE PUBLIC.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED THE PRESIDENT HAS SCHEDULED A SIGNING CEREMONY AT THE WHITE HOUSE BEFORE HE HITS THE ROAD TO PUSH THE PLAN.HE WILL HEAD TO IOWA CITY, THE VERY PLACE HE FIRST PITCHED HIS IDEA BACK IN

2007.THE PRESIDENT WILL SIGN THE BILL EVEN THOUGH THE SENATE MUST STILL APPROVE SEVERAL REVISIONS.THE TEN-YEAR 938 BILLION DOLLAR BILL WOULD EXTEND COVERAGE TO 32 MILLION AMERICANS WHO DON'T HAVE INSURANCE NOW.MOST OF THE MAJOR CHANGES TAKE EFFECT IN 20-14.BUT THERE ARE SOME IMMEDIATE IMPACTS. WITHIN THREE MONTHS: PEOPLE WITHOUT INSURANCE BECAUSE OF PRE-EXISTING CONDITIONS WILL BE ABLE TO BUY INSURANCE THROUGH A POOL. IN SIX MONTHS-- THE BILL WOULD BAR LIFETIME PAYMENT CAPS BY INSURANCE COMPANIES AND REQUIRE INSURERS TO ALLOW YOUNG PEOPLE TO STAY ON THEIR PARENTS' POLICIES UNTIL THEY TURN 26.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/221/10 REPORTED CARLOS SANCHEZ NEEDS TO RUN A FEW TESTS AT THE ST. JAMES HEALTH CENTER.SANCHEZ SAYS HE AND HIS FRIEND SOMETIMES OVERLOOK SOME HEALTH SYMPTOMS, BECAUSE THERE IS NO WAY TO PAY THE MEDICAL COSTS.THAT MIGHT SOON CHANGE.EXCITED, BECAUSE THE HEALTH CENTER IS BARELY GETTING BY.RIGHT NOW, ST. JAMES USES GRANTS TO HELP OFFSET THE COST OF TREATING THE UNINSURED...GRANTS THAT ARE SLOWLY DWINDLING, FORCING HIS STAFF TO REACT DAY TO DAY. THE HEALTH CARE BILL WOULD GIVE CENTERS LIKE HIS HUNDREDS OF THOUSANDS OF DOLLARS ANNUALLY. IN FACT, 40 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS IN THE SOUTH BAY'S TWO CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT QUALIFY FOR FUNDING. 69-THOUSAND UNINSURED RESIDENTS COULD NOW GET COVERAGE.AND MORE THAN 100-THOUSAND YOUNG ADULT COULD QUALIFY TO REMAIN ON THEIR PARENTS PLAN, UNTIL THEY TURN 26. BUT SOME DON'T LIKE THE PLAN AT ALL.BUT CARLOS SANCHEZ AND THE STAFF AT ST. JAMES INSIST THE BILL WILL PROVIDE MORE PREVENTIVE CARE, REDUCING VISITS TO THE EMERGENCY ROOM.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED OPPONENTS OF THE HEALTH CARE REFORM BILL SAY IT'S PACKED WITH PROVISIONS DESIGNED TO BENEFIT MAJOR HEALTH CARE COMPANIES -- INCLUDING BAY AREA BASED KAISER PERMANTE. BUT KAISER SAYS THAT'S JUST FLAT OUT WRONG. AFTER THE HOUSE PASSED THE BILL LAST NIGHT, LOBBYISTS AND CONGRESSIONAL AIDES WERE QUOTED AS SAYING THAT 11TH HOUR TAX EXEMPTIONS WERE ADDED TO THE BILL, SAVING KAISER FROM CERTAIN FEES. TODAY KAISER SAID THE EXEMPTIONS IN QUESTION WILL ACTUALLY END UP COSTING THE COMPANY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED
THE F-D-A IS WARNING DOCTORS TO SUSPEND THE USE OF A CERTAIN
ROTA-VIRUS VACCINE UNTIL THEY CAN STUDY IT MORE. ROTAVIRUS IS A
LEADING CAUSE OF SEVERE DIARRHEA AMONG INFANTS.NOW THE F-D-A
RECOMMENDS NOT USING GLAXO-SMITH-KLINE'S VACCINE-- "ROTARIX,"

SAYING RESEARCHERS HAVE FOUND D-N-A MATERIAL FROM A VIRUS IN THE VACCINE THEY DON'T BELIEVE IT'S A SAFETY RISK -- A MILLION CHILDREN HAVE RECEIVED THE VACCINE.MEANWHILE, THE F-D-A SAYS A VACCINE MADE BY ANOTHER COMPANY CAN BE USED INSTEAD

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED

It's the dieter's dream food...the more you eat...the more you lose weight. But that's exactly what scientists at Newcastle University claim to have discovered. The secret they say is seaweed...or more specifically a natural fiber called alginate found in some sea kelp.In clinical tests it reduced fat absorption 75 percent. And crucially they say it can be added to everyday foods. You can add it to almost anything - it doesn't taste or smell of anything - so you can add it to dairy products,...yogurts, cheese, you can put it in biscuits...potentially the sky's the limit with what you can incorporate it in anything. "Tests do show that the alginate is more effective than many over the counter weight loss products...But health professionals say people shouldn't rely on a cure-all... The bread isn't available to buy yet - and with more trials needing to be done, it's unlikely to be on the shelves for at least five years. But in the lab at least there is the hope that they may just have found the secret weapon in the fight against obesity.

NATIONAL & INTERNATIONAL CONCERNS/SAFETY & SECURITY

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/01/10 REPORTED US DRUG ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS ARE BATTLING MEXICAN DRUG TRAFFICKERS WHO ARE SUPERSIZING THE MARIJUANA TRADE --- AND IT'S ALL HAPPENING ON U-S- SOIL. DRUG AGENTS SAY THE NUMBER OF POT PLANTS THEY'VE FOUND GROWN BY MEXICAN GANGS ON PUBLIC LAND HAS STEADILY INCREASED BY A MILLION PLANTS A YEAR OVER THE PAST FIVE YEARS.ONE OF THE BIGGEST AREAS FOR THE DRUG TRAFFICKERS IS THE SEQUIOA NATIONAL FOREST COMPARED TO OTHER STATES, THE NUMBER OF POT PLANTS FOUND ON PUBLIC LAND IN CALIFORNIA IS THROUGH THE ROOF.5.1 MILLION PLANTS WERE PULLED FROM THE GROUND IN CALIFORNIA IN 2008, THE NEXT CLOSEST STATES WERE WASHINGTON AND TENNESSEE WITH ABOUT 540 THOUSAND.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED AS RESCUERS CONTINUE TO DIG INTO THE RUBBLE IN CHILE LOOKING FOR SURVIVORS, THERE'S NEW VIDEO COMING IN TONIGHT OF THAT MAGNITUDE 8.8 EARTHQUAKE... AT LEAST 711 PEOPLE ARE CONFIRMED DEAD, AND OFFICIALS BELIEVE THAT NUMBER WILL RISE. NBC BAY AREA'S LISA KIM IS FOLLOWING THE RELIEF EFFORT. LISA, THE DEVASTATION by all accounts COULD HAVE BEEN WORSE. AS EARTHQUAKES GO, IT WAS 500-TIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN THE ONE IN HAITI -- BUT WHEN IT STRUCK CHILE, THERE WAS A BIG DIFFERENCE: THE COUNTRY WAS MUCH BETTER PREPARED.. WITH BUILDINGS BETTER RETROFITTED FOR EARTHQUAKES AND EMERGENCY SERVICES MORE PREPARED, OFFICIALS SAY THE LOSS OF LIFE IS MINIMAL FOR AN

EARTHQUAKE OF THIS SIZE. BUT STILL, FLYING INTO THE DIASTER ZONE TODAY, RESCUE CREWS GOT A GLIMPSE OF JUST HOW POWERFUL THIS EARTHQUAKE WAS.. 500-THOUSAND HOMES DAMAGED OR DESTROYED, MAJOR BRIDGES COLLAPSED, AND SOME COASTAL TOWNS WASHED AWAY.MEANTIME -- THE U-S AMBASSADOR TO CHILE APPEARED ON VIDEO CONFERENCE TODAY, AND TALKED ABOUT THE SEARCH FOR AMERICANS LIVING IN THE COUNTRY.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 01/10 REPORTED RECENT BAY AREA SEISMIC RETROFIT PROJECTS HAVE HELPED MAKE THE BRIDGES STRONGER CALTRANS HAS DESIGNED GRAPHICS TO SHOW HOW WELL THE BRAND NEW BAY BRIDGE COULD HANDLE A POWERFUL QUAKE.THE BRIDGE'S SEISMIC CONSTRUCTION IS BASED ON HOW THE GROUND MIGHT MOVE IN RELATION TO ALL OF THE MAJOR AND MINOR FAULTS IN THE AREA... AS OPPOSED TO ANY SPECIFIC MAGNITUDES.GOLDEN GATE DISTRICT SPOKESPERSON MARY CURRY SAYS BEFORE THE LOMA PRIETA QUAKE, THE GOLDEN GATE BRIDGE COULDN'T HAVE HANDLED A QUAKE OVER SEVEN-POINT-ONE. CURRIE SAYS SEISMIC VULNERABILITY ASSESSMENTS SHOW THE MAXIMUM CREDIBLE EARTHQUAKE FOR THIS LOCATION WOULD BE AN EIGHT-POINT-THREE.THAT'S THE NUMBER THE ONGOING SESIMIC RETROFIT PROJECT IS DESIGNED TO WITHSTAND.ONE BIG WORRY TONIGHT IS OVER LOOTING -- POLICE HAVE BEEN FIRING TEAR GAS, AND IMPOSED AN OVERNIGHT CURFEW TO CONTROL LOOTERS WHO RANSACKED STORES IN QUAKE RAVAGED REGION.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED A WOMAN IS RECOVERING TONIGHT AFTER SHE WAS STRUCK BY A GOLDEN GATE TRANSIT BUS THIS MORNING IN SAN FRANCISCO THE ACCIDENT HAPPENED AROUND 8 O'CLOCK AS THE BUS WAS TURNING LEFT ONTO EIGHTH FROM HOWARD STREET. THE BUS WAS EMPTY AT THE TIME AS THE BUS DRIVER HAD JUST FINISHED HIS ROUTE AND WAS RETURNING TO THE BUS LOT. THE VICTIM WAS ALERT AND SPEAKING AFTER THE ACCIDENT. THE DRIVER WILL UNDERGO DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED ONE OF THE 'NET'S MOST POPULAR SITES IS ALSO EXPANDING .. FACEBOOK SAYS TODAY IT WILL OPEN AN OFFICE IN HYDRABAD, INDIA .. A COMPANY SPOKESMAN SAYS MORE THAN 8 MILLION PEOPLE IN INDIA USE FACEBOOK ..ZYNGA, ANOTHER BAY AREA COMPANY WHOSE GAMES ARE POPULAR ON FACEBOOK, RECENTLY OPENED A DEVELOPMENT CENTER IN BANGALORE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 15/10 REPORTED NEW NUMBERS OUT TODAY SHOW CYBER CRIME COST THE U-S 550 MILLION DOLLARS LAST YEAR ALONE.THAT'S MORE THAN TWICE THE

AMOUNT FROM 2008.AND THE MOST CRIMES REPORTED, WERE RIGHT HERE IN CALIFORNIA. BOXES SO THE NUMBER OF CRIMES REPORTED DOUBLED FROM 2008 TO 2009, WHAT COULD BE BEHIND THAT? SO WHAT ARE THE MOST COMMON TYPES OF FRAUD INVOLVED HERE?SO WHAT DO YOU DO IF YOU'RE THE VICTIM OF CYBERCRIME, AND HOW DO YOU KNOW IF YOU ARE.

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED GOOGLE IS STILL IN CHINA, BUT SAYS IT WILL NO LONGER 'CENSOR' ITS SEARCH RESULTS IN CHINA .. INSTEAD, ROUTING ITS USERS IN CHINA TO A VERSION OF GOOGLE THAT'S UNCENSORED .. AND BASED IN HONG KONG.SO, IT'S NOT EXACTLY A PULL-OUT .. AND WE DON'T YET KNOW WHAT THE CHINESE GOVERNMENT'S RESPONSE TO THE MOVE WILL BE ..GOOGLE SAYS, MEANWHILE, IT WILL KEEP SOME OF ITS RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT TEAM IN CHINA

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED DRIVER ERROR ... THAT'S THE DETERMINATION OF NEW YORK POLICE IN THE STATE'S OWN RUNAWAY PRIUS CASE. INVESTIGATORS SAY THE DRIVER NEVER ENGAGED THE BRAKE. THE CRASH HAPPENED ON MARCH 9TH.THE WOMAN DRIVING THE CAR CLAIMED THE GAS PEDAL FELL TO THE FLOOR- AND THE CAR SLAMMED INTO A STONE WALL.POLICE SAY EVIDENCE SHOWS THE PEDAL WAS PRESSED AND THEN RETURNED TO IT'S NORMAL POSITION AFTER THE CRASH.POLICE SAY TOYOTA COOPERATED IN THEIR INVESTIGATION.THE WOMAN WAS NOT SERIOUSLY INJURED IN THE CRASH.ABOUT TO CATCH A FLIGHT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN AWHILE?

NBC BAY AREA, THE BAY AREA TODAY 6:00PM-7:00PM 3/ 22/10 REPORTED YOU COULD BE IN FOR A SURPRISE. THE TRANSPORTATION SECURITY ADMINISTRATION IS ROLLING OUT NEW AIRPORT SECURITY MEASURES.NOW TRAVELERS COULD BE SCANNED- SWABBED OR THOROUGHLY PATTED DOWN BEFORE GETTING ON A PLANE.SECURITY LINES ARE EXPECTED TO GET EVEN LONGER.THE TIGHTER SECURITY IS IN RESPONSE TO THE FAILED CHRISTMAS DAY ATTACK ON A DETROIT BOUND FLIGHT.